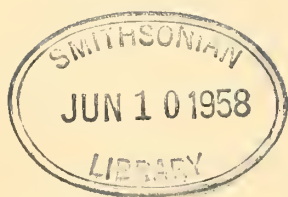


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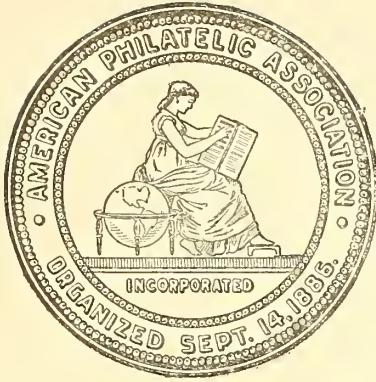
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves according to the provisions of an act of the legislature of the State of Minnesota, entitled "An Act relating to Corporations other than those for pecuniary profit," approved March 3d, 1870, under the following Articles of Incorporation:

I. The name of the corporation shall be The American Philatelic Society. Its principal office shall be in the City of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin and State of Minnesota.

II. The purpose for which this corporation is established is to assist its members in acquiring knowledge in regard to Philately, to cultivate a feeling of friendship among philatelists and enable them to affiliate with members of similar societies in other countries, and, in furtherance of these objects, to assist its members in acquiring and disposing of stamps of various kinds through its several departments.

III. Any person may become a member of the society by filing with its General Secretary an application in the form prescribed from time to time, signed by at least two members and accompanied by one dollar for a certificate of stock and the amount of the dues for the remainder of the fiscal year (ending August 31), the whole to be refunded if admission is refused; and if the applicant has not attained the age of 21 years, he must accompany his application with a guarantee from some responsible person that the guarantor will be responsible for the proper fulfilment of the applicant's promises and obligations to the society, in case the applicant is admitted. The General Secretary shall cause the name and address of each applicant, his references and guarantor to be published in the next number of the Official Circular sent to members, and, if no objection shall be received by the Board of Vice-Presidents within one month after such publication, the applicant shall be considered elected. In case any objection is filed with the Board of Vice-Presidents, they shall notify the General Secretary thereof and proceed to investigate the case and accept or reject the applicant in their discretion.

IV. The capital stock shall consist of ten thousand shares of a par value of one dollar each. No member shall be allowed to purchase or hold more than one share of said stock. The annual dues shall be two dollars, or such sum as may be prescribed in the By-Laws.

V. The corporation shall be managed by and under the care of the Board of Directors, to be elected at such times and in such manner as the By-Laws shall prescribe. The first Board of Directors shall hold their respective offices until the first day of September, 1897, and shall consist of the following: F. F. Olney, of Providence, R. I.; W. C. Van Derlip, J. L. Kilbon and Geo. L. Toppa, of Boston, Mass.; Joe F. Beard, of Muscatine, Iowa; H. B. Phillips, of San Francisco, Cal.; E. Doeblin, of Allegheny, Pa.; N. W. Chandler, of Collinsville, Ill.; and G. D. Mekeel, of St. Louis, Mo.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 3d day of April, A. D. 1897.

ALBERT W. BATCHELDER,
E. M. CARPENTER,

Witnesses as to

W. C. VAN DERLIP, J. L. KILBON,
AND GEO. L. TOPPAN.

MAXIL D. ROBB,
SAM E. ROBB,

Witnesses as to

E. S. STEBBINS, W. R. YOUNG,
AND GEO. W. ACHARD.

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Minneapolis, Minn.

GEO. W. ACHARD, [SEAL]
Minneapolis, Minn.

State of Massachusetts, }
County of Suffolk. } ss.

On this 5th day of May, A. D. 1897, personally appeared W. C. Van Derlip, J. L. Kilbon, and Geo. L. Toppan, to me known to be the signers and sealers of the foregoing instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

JAMES A. LOWELL,

[Notarial Seal]

Notary Public, Suffolk County, Mass.

State of Minnesota, }
County of Hennepin. } ss.

On this third day of April, A. D. 1897, personally appeared E. S. Stebbins, W. R. Young, and George W. Achard, to me known to be the persons who executed and signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

MAXIL D. ROBB,

[Notarial Seal]

Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minn.

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OFFICE OF FRANK C. METCALF, Register of Deeds.
County of Hennepin, Minnesota.

I hereby certify that the within instrument was filed in this office for record on the 29th day of June, A. D. 1897, at 1:45 o'clock P. M., and was duly recorded in Book 72, of miscellaneous, pages 478, 479, 480.

FRANK C. METCALF,

By Frank J. Peterson, Deputy.

Register of Deeds.

Filed for record in this office June 30, A. D. 1897, at 11 o'clock A. M.

ALBERT BERG, Secretary of State.

Certificate of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the

AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

We, Frank F. Olney, President, and Joe F. Beard, Secretary, do hereby certify that at the annual convention of this society, held in the City of Boston, County of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, on the 24th, 25th and 26th days of August, 1897, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried, amending the Articles of Incorporation filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota, on the 30th day of June, 1897, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1. The name of this corporation shall be The American Philatelic Association. Its principal office shall be in the City of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin and State of Minnesota.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of said corporation, this 26th day of November, A. D. 1897.



FRANK F. OLNEY,

President.

JOE F. BEARD,

Secretary.

Filed for record in this office Dec. 31st, A. D. 1897, at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

ALBERT BERG,

Secretary of State.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

American Philatelic Association.

As adopted at the Seventh Annual Convention, August 15, 16, 17, 1892, and
Amended at the Seventeenth Annual Convention, August 12-14, 1902.

ARTICLE I.—*Capital Stock.*

SECTION 1. Every certificate of stock issued by this Association shall be for a single share only, and shall be subject to the following terms and conditions, which shall be expressed upon its face: That the holder thereof has agreed with the Association and has accepted the said certificate with the understanding that it can be issued or transferred only to a person who has been duly elected a member of the Association in the manner provided by its By-Laws, and who is not the holder of any other share or certificate of its capital stock. That no transfer of said stock, or the certificate thereof, shall be valid unless made upon the books of the Association and signed by the member transferring the same, or his lawful attorney, and attested by the Secretary, and upon return of the outstanding certificate, which shall be cancelled and filed by the Secretary. That the holder is liable for the payment to the Association of the annual dues provided for by the By-Laws, until the said stock and certificate is surrendered to the Association, and is not entitled to vote said stock so long as he is in any manner indebted to the Association. That the Association has a first lien on the said stock and all increments thereof for all indebtedness of the holder to the Association and that no transfer thereof shall be permitted so long as the holder is so indebted to the Association; and that the possession of said certificate shall not be regarded as evidence of the ownership of the holder, or his right to participate as a stockholder, unless it appears upon the books of the Association that all said conditions have been duly complied with. That the ownership of said stock shall at all times be subject to the provisions of the By-Laws.

SEC. 2. Every certificate of stock shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, and sealed with the corporate seal of the Association, and shall be duly numbered and entered in the stock book to be kept by the Secretary for

that purpose. A charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for a duplicate certificate in case of loss.

ARTICLE II.—*Membership.*

SECTION 1. Any person may become a member of this Association by filing with its General Secretary an application in the form prescribed from time to time, signed by at least two members of the Association, and if the applicant is a resident of any locality where there is a resident Vice-President, his application must be approved by said officer, whose signature shall be in addition to those of the two references. Said application must be accompanied by the sum of one dollar, for a certificate of stock, and the amount of the dues for the remainder of the fiscal year (ending Aug. 31), the whole to be refunded if admission is refused; and if the applicant has not attained the age of twenty-one years he must accompany his application with a bond signed by some responsible person obligating himself for the proper fulfillment of the applicant's promises and obligations to the Association, in case the applicant is admitted. The General Secretary shall cause the name and address of each applicant, his reference and bondsmen, to be published in the next Official Journal sent to members, and if no objection to his admission shall be received by the Board of Vice-Presidents within one month after such publication, the applicant shall be considered elected. In case the Board of Vice-Presidents shall receive any objections to the admission of any applicant, they shall notify the General Secretary thereof, and proceed to investigate the case, and accept or reject the applicant, in their discretion, and shall certify their decision to the General Secretary, who shall thereupon proceed accordingly.

SEC. 2. As it is important to the well-being and prosperity of this Association that all members thereof should be persons of good repute, every person applying for admission thereto agrees to become subject

to such rules of discipline as may be provided by the By-Laws from time to time. All charges of improper conduct on the part of any member of the Association shall be addressed in writing accompanied by affidavit to the truth of the charges, and all obtainable proof, to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall investigate and determine the same under such rules as they may prescribe; and they may, in their judgment, suspend or expel such member and require him to surrender his stock, if he be a stockholder, and their action shall be final and binding on all parties. Should the Board of Vice-Presidents deem it advisable, they may, however, certify the case for consideration to the next Convention of the Association, and such Convention shall have the same powers in the case as the Board of Vice-Presidents.

SEC. 3. The dues of all stockholders shall be one dollar and twenty cents per annum, payable annually in advance, on the first day of September, when the fiscal year shall commence. New members shall pay dues for the remainder of the year only, computed from the beginning of the month in which they shall have been elected. No other assessment or dues shall be exacted of any stockholder, except by the amendment of this section of the By-Laws in Convention or other general meeting.

SEC. 4. In case any member fails to pay the annual dues or accounts due the Association or the Sales and Purchasing Department within thirty days from the time the same are due, the Treasurer shall notify such delinquent member, and unless such dues or debts are paid, or the stockholder presents his resignation and surrenders his certificate of stock within thirty days thereafter, and pays amounts due, the Treasurer shall notify the Secretary, by whom his name shall be stricken from the rolls, and his stock shall be declared forfeited to the Association, and his name shall be omitted from the Year Book. The Secretary shall notify the Superintendent of the Sales and Purchasing Department to debar from the privileges of that Department any member whose name shall have been dropped from the rolls. Any stockholder whose name shall have been stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues, or debt to the Association or Sales and Purchasing Department, may on payment to the Treasurer (who shall notify the Secretary) of all amounts due, be reinstated and have his stock reissued to him.

All applications for reinstatement shall be published in the Official Journal, and treated in the same manner as is provided for an ordinary application for membership.

SEC. 5. Any stockholder in good standing may at any time tender his resignation to the Secretary, and surrender his stock

certificate to the Association. All resignations received by the Secretary shall be published in the next Official Journal, and if no objections are received within one month of the date of the publication, they shall be duly accepted by him, to take effect from the date of their receipt, but no stockholder will be permitted to resign while indebted to the Association. In case the Secretary is in doubt as to the advisability of accepting the resignation of any stockholder, he shall refer the matter to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall have power to decide the case, and, if they deem advisable, to prescribe conditions on which the resignation shall be accepted.

SEC. 6. No stockholder of the Association who has not attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible to any office.

ARTICLE III.—*Meetings.*

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Association, to be designated as the Annual Convention, shall be held each year at such date and such place, within or without the State of Minnesota, as may have been selected by the last preceding Annual Convention, and the publication in the Official Journal of the proceedings of the Convention, naming such time and place, shall be deemed sufficient notice of such meeting; but the President shall also cause a call for the Annual Convention, stating the time and locality of the convening thereof, to be published in the number of the Official Journal issued prior, not less than sixty days, to the holding of such Convention.

SEC. 2. Special meetings of the stockholders of this Association may be called by the Board of Directors, or by one hundred stockholders of this Association. Notice thereof shall be mailed to each stockholder, at his last known address, at least sixty days before the date fixed for holding said meeting, and a copy of such notice shall be published in the Official Journal, at least one month before the time of holding such meeting.

SEC. 3. If in the opinion of the Board of Directors it should be advisable at any time, or in case one hundred stockholders so request, the President shall call for a general vote of the shareholders upon any desired question. Notice that such call has been issued shall be given in the Official Journal, at least one month before the date when the vote is to be counted. The vote should be in the form designated by the President, with the assent of the Board of Vice-Presidents. The call and the form shall each state the time and the place at which the count is to take place, and a copy of each shall be mailed to every person appearing upon the books of the Association as entitled to vote as a stockholder

thirty days before the vote is to be counted. The vote shall be signed by the stockholder and sent to the Board of Vice-Presidents; and no vote shall be counted unless in the form prescribed at the date when the call was mailed. Any stockholder shall have the right to be present and witness the count. The result shall be certified by the Vice-Presidents to the President, who shall announce the result in the next number of the Official Journal. A majority of the votes cast shall determine the question submitted, but the By-Laws can be amended only as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. All stockholders of the Association who are present at any of its meetings shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings; but only those not indebted to the Association shall be entitled to vote in person, or by proxy, at any annual convention, at any called meeting, or upon any question submitted to a general vote.

SEC. 5. A quorum for the transaction of business at any convention or special meeting shall consist of one-half the stockholders there represented in person or by proxy; but the By-Laws can be amended only as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 6. No director of this Association shall be permitted to act for or vote as proxy for any other stockholder of this Association.

SEC. 7. At all meetings of the Association, all questions of order and parliamentary law shall be determined by reference to Robert's Rules of Order.

SEC. 8. At all meetings of the Association, all reports of officers and committees and all resolutions must be presented in writing.

SEC. 9. At the annual convention of the Association the President shall appoint the following committees, of three members each:

Committee on Standing Rules,
Committee on Finance,
Committee on Library,
Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department,
Committee on Official Journal,
Committee on Branch Societies,
Committee on Resolutions, and a Committee of five members, of which the President shall be *ex-officio* Chairman, on the By-Laws.

The following shall be the order of business:

1. Call to Order.
2. Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Roll Call.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Reading of Minutes.
6. Reports of Officers and Standing Committees.
7. Communications.

8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Reports of Committees.
11. Adjournment.

SEC. 10. At all special meetings of the Association, the President shall appoint such of the foregoing committees as are necessary, and the foregoing Order of Business shall be followed so far as the necessities of the occasion will permit.

ARTICLE IV.—*Directors.*

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors of this Association shall be designated as the Board of Directors, and shall consist of nine members, who shall all be citizens of the United States.

SEC. 2. Each Director shall be a stockholder of the Association, and shall hold his office until the close of the next Annual Convention and until his successor shall have qualified. At least five of their number shall be collectors and not dealers by profession. And at least seven of their number shall be residents of different States. Three of the Directors shall serve as a Board of Vice-Presidents and must reside within a radius of thirty miles, and in case of the three Vice-Presidents being from the same State or locality as another Director, the Vice-Presidents will take precedence over the other candidate, even though he have a greater number of votes.

SEC. 3. Immediately after the annual election of Directors, they shall choose from their number a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and International Secretary, and appoint such officers and committees as are required by the By-Laws to be appointed by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4. The Board of Directors may meet at such times as they from time to time determine, or whenever called together by the President by a notice addressed to each Director at his last known address, by mail or by telegraph, a sufficient time beforehand to enable him to reach the place of meeting. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 5. The objects of this Association requiring that its Directors shall be residents of different States, in order to facilitate the transaction of business and provide for a rapid decision of questions requiring the action of the Board of Directors of this Association, the stockholders direct that instead of convening in a meeting, the following proceedings may be had: Whenever any member of the Board shall desire to submit any matter for their action, he shall reduce the same to writing in the form of a motion, and mail a copy thereof, upon a separate sheet of paper, to each member of the Board. Any comments or observations he may desire to

make thereon must be on a different sheet. Upon the reception of such motion each member shall write upon the bottom or back thereof his decision for or against the same, or any correction or amendment thereof he may wish to make, and forward the same by return mail to the President, who shall, in case any amendment shall be offered, forthwith mail, or cause to be mailed, a copy of the motion as amended to each member of the Board, who shall return the same by return mail, with his vote for or against the same, or the expression of his preference for the original motion. The President shall, upon receiving the votes of the other members, certify to the Secretary the result, accompanying the certificate with the original votes. The Secretary shall file the same and record the vote, notifying the other members of the Board of the result.

SEC. 6. The Board of Directors shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Association and all its officers; may make rules for the conduct of business in the several departments not inconsistent with these By-Laws; may require special reports from any officer from time to time; may remove any officer appointed by them, as provided by statute, fill any vacancy in their own number arising from any cause except removal by stockholders, as provided by statute, and generally manage and control the business of the Association, as provided by law.

ARTICLE V.—*Duties of Directors.*

SECTION 1. *President.*—The President, in addition to the general duties of his office, shall preside at all meetings of the Association, appoint all committees, sign all certificates of stock and all warrants on the Treasurer for moneys required by the Association, as well as contracts, deeds, bonds, notes and other obligations entered into by the Association. Prior to each Annual Convention he shall issue the call therefor, as provided for in Article III, Section 1, shall appoint a Committee of five members on Credentials, and a Committee of Arrangements to provide suitable rooms and make other preparations for holding said meeting, the expenses incurred by such committee in the performance of their duties to be defrayed from the General Fund of the Association. At each Annual Convention he shall address the Association on such matters of interest as he shall determine.

SEC. 2. *Vice-Presidents.*—The three Directors elected as Vice-Presidents shall select one of their number to act as First Vice-President, who shall perform all the duties of the President in case of the absence, death or inability of the President. He shall preside over the Board of Vice-Presidents, which shall decide all questions

arising as to the admission of applicants for membership, as provided in Article II, Section 1; all questions of discipline, as provided in Article II, Sections 2, 4 and 5, and all disputes and difficulties between members or officers of the Association, and their decision of all such matters shall be final, subject to the provisos of Article II, Section 2. They shall see that proper notices of all elections, meetings, nominations, forms, etc., are sent to members as provided in these By-Laws, and they shall approve the form of ballot to be used at all elections.

The Board of Vice-Presidents from time to time and at least every three months, shall make report of their proceedings to the General Secretary for publication in the Official Journal and shall make a full report of their proceedings to the Annual Convention.

They shall keep a minute book of all proceedings and a file of correspondence, which they shall turn over to their successors when qualified.

All expenses for postage, stationery, telegrams and registry fees shall be certified by the First Vice-President and be paid from the general fund.

They shall elect one of their number to act as Secretary, who shall have charge of their records and keep their minutes.

SEC. 3. *Secretary.*—The Secretary, in addition to the ordinary duties of his office, shall keep a true record of all proceedings of the Association and Board of Directors, conduct all correspondence, have the custody of and preserve all documents, have custody of the corporate seal of the Association, seal all documents required to be sealed therewith, keep proper books of issue and transfer of stock certificates, issue all stock certificates, membership cards and receipts, countersign, register and attest all documents signed by the President. He shall, under the supervision of the President, edit the official matter published in the official Journal; *provided*, that if there shall be a disagreement between the President and Secretary as to the advisability of the publication of any matter, said matter shall be submitted to the Board of Directors. He shall also receive all applications for membership, make publication thereof in the Official Journal, and conduct all correspondence in reference thereto, as provided in Article II, Section 1, and notify applicants of their election. He shall furnish a copy of the Charter and By-Laws and the list of members of the Association to each member in good standing. He shall receive all resignations and applications for reinstatement, etc., as provided in Article II, Sections 4 and 5, and perform all such other duties as are incident to his office. He shall pay all funds collected by him from any source to the

Treasurer each month. He shall prepare and present to each Annual Convention, and to any special meeting, when so required by the Board of Directors, or the stockholders calling the same, the general report of the condition of the Association, required by law to be made by the Directors. He shall cause to be published in each number of the Official Journal, in addition to the list of applicants, resignations, etc., of members, a report of all proceedings of the Board of Directors, or of the Association, since his last published report. He shall at all times be subject to the direction of the President or Directors in the performance of his duties. He shall be paid all transportation expenses to and from the Convention, and \$5.00 per day during the session.

SEC. 4. *Treasurer*.—The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of all moneys, property and securities of the Association. He shall collect all dues and make monthly reports of his receipts and disbursements, showing balance of cash on hand, to the Secretary, and publish it in the Official Journal. He shall pay out no money except on warrants regularly drawn on him by the President and General Secretary, and shall present to the Annual Convention a complete financial statement of the transactions of his department for the year, accompanied by the proper vouchers. He shall deposit all moneys in some bank, to be designated by the Board of Directors, to the account of the Association, and shall give bond to the Association in the sum of not less than \$2,000. Said bond to be obtained of some surety company at expense of the Association, to be approved by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 5. *International Secretary*.—The International Secretary shall conduct all correspondence for the Association or the Board of Directors, with individuals or societies in foreign countries. He shall, whenever called on to do so, assist the General Secretary, or any other officer of the Association, in their correspondence concerning the business of the Association and their several departments. He shall perform all the duties of the Secretary whenever the latter is absent or temporarily unable to perform his duties. He shall present to the Annual Convention a full report of the proceedings of his department for the year.

He shall report regularly to the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt* the changes in membership so long as this Association continues interested in its publication. He shall, so far as possible, report to the Board of Vice-Presidents any publication in foreign journals of items affecting the welfare of this Association or its individual members.

SEC. 6. In case of death or resignation

of any member of the Board of Directors the Board shall fill the vacancy, and all vacancies caused by the removal of a Director shall be filled by election, as provided by the statutes of the State of Minnesota.

ARTICLE VI.—*Elections*.

SECTION 1. All elections of Directors shall be conducted under the supervision of the Committee on Credentials, appointed by the President for that purpose, which shall consist of five stockholders. The ballot shall be signed by the stockholder voting and delivered to the Committee on Credentials, and may be sent to the Committee in any manner desired by the stockholder, and at any time before the closing of the polls for that election. At all such elections a plurality of the votes cast shall elect, except as provided in Article IV, Section 2, in regard to Vice-Presidents, but no vote shall be counted that shall not have been received before the closing of the polls, nor shall any stockholder be permitted to vote in any other than the prescribed form, or by proxy, or to change his vote after it has once been received by the Committee.

SEC. 2. The polls for the annual election shall close at noon of the day preceding the day appointed for the opening of the Annual Convention, and at all special elections at such time as shall be named in the call for the election.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall cause blank forms for the ballot and proper envelopes for enclosing the same to be mailed to the last known address of each stockholder entitled to vote, at least sixty days before the date fixed for closing the polls, and the form of the ballot shall be designated in all published notices of the election.

SEC. 4. The special elections to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors, provided for by the statutes of the State of Minnesota, in case of the removal of a Director by the stockholders, or in case of the want of a quorum of qualified Directors, shall be conducted as far as possible in the same manner as other elections; but in case the election is called by the stockholders, they may prescribe and send out the form of ballot, necessary envelopes for enclosing the same, and notice of the election, which shall, however, as far as possible, conform to the ordinary forms in use in the Association.

SEC. 5. All special elections of officers to be elected by the stockholders shall be conducted in the same manner as other elections, but shall be called by the President, and notice thereof shall be mailed to the last known address of each stockholder entitled to vote, at least sixty days prior to the date fixed for the counting of the vote,

and shall be accompanied by the form of the ballot to be used, proper envelopes for enclosing the same, and shall designate the time and place of holding the election, the persons who are to act as Committee on Credentials, and such other information as shall facilitate the sending of the vote to the Committee.

SEC. 6. Prior to every annual or special election, nominations for the office or offices to be filled may be sent by any member of the Association to the Secretary, and all such nominations received by him shall be published in the number of the Official Journal nearest to sixty days prior to the date for closing the polls.

SEC. 7. Cumulative voting shall be illegal at any election.

ARTICLE VII.—*Officers and Standing Committees.*

SECTION 1. In addition to the nine Directors, the officers of the Association shall be:

- A Superintendent of Purchasing and Sales Department,
- An Examiner of Sales Books,
- A Librarian,
- An Assistant Librarian,
- A Collecting Agent,

and such Resident and State Vice-Presidents and Auction Purchasing Agents as the Board of Directors may appoint.

SEC. 2. In addition to the officers as named in Section 1 of this Article there shall be the following Standing Committees:

- An Obituary Committee,
- A Committee on Philatelic Literature, and
- An Expert Committee.

SEC. 3. All of the officers and Standing Committees mentioned in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article shall be appointed and subject to removal by the Board of Directors, as provided for by the laws of Minnesota, and shall make a full report of their proceedings to the Annual Convention and to the Board of Directors or any special meeting of the Association, when called upon to do so. Their terms shall expire when their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. In case any such officer is temporarily prevented by sickness or other cause from performing his duties, the Board of Directors may, in its discretion, appoint a substitute to act during such incapacity. No expense shall be incurred by any officer or Standing Committee appointed by the Board of Directors, except for postal and express charges, until the same is authorized by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4. *Superintendent of Purchasing and Sales Department.*—This officer shall

conduct the Purchasing and Sales Department of the Association under such rules and regulations as may be hereinafter provided. He shall be allowed a commission of ten per centum on all sales and purchases, and shall pay all expenses of his department. The Superintendent of Purchasing and Sales Department shall give bonds to the Association in the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be approved by the Board of Directors. He shall at the end of every three months submit a full and accurate statement of the affairs of his department to the Board of Vice-Presidents, this statement to be accompanied by a balance sheet taken from his books upon the last day of the three months covered by the above-mentioned statement, *i. e.*, November 30, February 28 (or 29), May 31 and August 31.

SEC. 5. *Assistant Librarian.*—It shall be the duty of the Assistant Librarian to preserve and properly care for the records of the Association as received from retiring officers or boards, and he shall further receive all gifts to the Association of printed matter, and attend to binding the same, and shall at proper times forward the same to the Librarian for permanent care.

SEC. 6. *Auction Purchasing Agents.*—The Auction Purchasing Agents shall, in person or by proxy, attend all auction sales of stamps held in their respective vicinities, and shall purchase for members at a commission not to exceed five per cent., and subject to such rules and regulations as each may prescribe, such stamps as these members request them to purchase for their account.

SEC. 7. *Expert Committee.*—It shall be the duty of this Committee to pronounce upon the authenticity of any stamp submitted for their opinion. They shall return to the sender a certificate of their findings in each case, the same to bear a photograph of the stamp in question and to be signed by all members of the Committee. For the examination of each stamp the Committee shall receive the sum of one dollar. This amount must accompany each stamp so submitted.

SEC. 8. *Examiner of Sales Books.*—The Examiner of Sales Books shall pass upon the genuineness of all stamps, etc., that may be sent to the Superintendent of Sales, before such stamps, etc., are put upon the exchange circuits.

All stamps, etc., considered counterfeit or reprint (with the exception of reprints sold by the governments originally issuing them, and receivable for postage at the time of their sale) by the Superintendent or the Examiner of Sales Books, shall be removed from the sheets and placed in separate envelopes, marked with the price or prices placed thereon and the name of the owner, and shall not be circulated, but

returned by the Superintendent, and on the square on the sheet or place provided on the cover he shall stamp the words "Specimen Removed."

When a government reprint, receivable for postage at the time of its issue, is found on a sheet or a cover, he shall stamp the word "*reprint*" below the square on the sheet or the place provided on the cover for the specimen.

SEC. 9. *Librarian*.—The Librarian shall keep a list of all works, etc., in his possession, and a record of the same.

SEC. 10. *Resident Vice-Presidents*.—A Resident Vice-President shall be appointed for any locality upon the request of ten or more members of the Association residing therein, and for such foreign States and countries as the Board of Directors may deem advisable. Each resident Vice-President shall exercise a general supervision over the section in which he resides. He shall examine the case of all applicants for membership in his vicinity and shall advise the Board of Vice-Presidents of any reason that may exist for rejecting the application, or any conduct on the part of any member in his vicinity, that might render such person unworthy of membership in the Association, and make an annual report to the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.—*Sales Department*.

SECTION 1. A report shall be rendered to all members whose books are not returned and settled for within three months from date of receipt.

SEC. 2. Members are allowed to keep Sales Circuits three days and will be held responsible for them until the next member receives them. A fine of two cents per day for each book must be collected from members who disregard this rule. Upon the failure of any member to pay such fine he shall be dropped from circuit lists and reported to the Board of Vice-Presidents.

SEC. 3. Members removing a stamp must put in its place a control stamp, which the Superintendent will furnish to participants in this Department for 5 cents per 100 stamps. Members must cancel the control stamp by marking upon it the price of the stamp removed, or if they prefer they can:

1st: Sign their names in ink in the space from which the stamp has been removed.

2nd: Sign a nom de plume which shall first have been registered with the Superintendent.

3rd: Use a rubber stamp which shall have some secret mark, with which the Superintendent shall have been made acquainted.

Should any blank space be found it is the member's duty to notify the one preceding him and adjust the matter with him. Failure to do this will render the last member responsible for the amount.

When books are forwarded to next on circuit list a report sheet containing a memorandum of the total value of all the stamps taken from *each book* must be sent to the Exchange Superintendent.

A remittance for the amount of stamps taken must accompany each report, no matter whether the party has stamps circulating in the department or not, as this department is run on a strictly cash basis.

SEC. 4. An insurance fund shall be maintained by the Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department, who shall collect a premium of one-half of one per cent. of the value of all stamps sent in for circulation. This fund shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall keep a special account of it, and the amounts collected for it shall be remitted to him monthly by the Superintendent, who, whenever he wishes to pay any claims from it, shall submit the facts of the case to the Board of Vice-Presidents. If they approve the claim they shall certify the same to the Secretary, with all the papers in the case, and he shall draw a warrant for the amount in the regular manner.

Should losses occur greater than the amount of the Insurance Fund in hand they shall stand as liability against the fund, to be paid when the amount of premiums collected will satisfy same.

ARTICLE IX.—*Official Journal*.

SECTION 1. The Official Journal of the Association for the ensuing year shall be selected at each Annual Convention of the Association.

The Official Journal will be sent to all members regularly, and the Association shall pay the publishers such a sum for each member as may be agreed upon at each Annual Convention, this amount to come from the general fund.

The publishers to pay postage on all copies mailed to members in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

ARTICLE X.—*Annual Publication*.

SECTION 1. The *American Philatelist* shall be published annually in November, and shall contain a copy of the Charter and the By-Laws as last amended, a list of all active members, arranged alphabetically and by residence, a full report of the last Annual Convention, the rules of all Departments which may not be included in the general By-Laws, a list of all Branch Societies and Affiliated Societies, a list of

the names and addresses of all officers of the Association and of the publishers of the Official Journal. The *American Philatelist* shall be edited by the General Secretary and approved by the President before publication. Advertisements of responsible firms may be accepted by the Secretary upon terms satisfactory and profitable to the Association, and the proceeds turned into the general fund. One copy shall be mailed free to each member of the Association and ten copies to each Director and ten copies to the Assistant Librarian. Copies to the public or extra copies for members will be sold by the Secretary at twenty-five cents per copy, and the proceeds turned into the treasury. All copies on hand after one year from date of issue shall be turned over to the Assistant Librarian. The expense of publishing it shall be paid from the general fund.

ARTICLE XI.—*Branch Societies.*

SECTION 1. Whenever ten or more stockholders resident in the same locality, or twenty-five stockholders resident in the same State, shall notify the Board of Directors that they have associated themselves together as a branch society, adopted a name and rules for their government, and have selected one of their number as a Resident or State Vice-President, and shall have submitted a copy of their rules and list of members to the Board of Directors, the Board, if satisfied that the formation of such branch would be advantageous to the Association, and that said rules are not inconsistent with the Charter and By-Laws of the Association, shall issue a charter or certificate, under the seal of the corporation, to said stockholders that they have become a Branch or State Society, as the case may be, and shall appoint the member selected a Resident or State Vice-President, as the case may be. Such local and State branches shall be numbered in regular order in separate series, and each society shall be known by its number, in addition to the name selected by it, *provided* that the name of a State Branch shall include the name of the State for which it is chartered. Any existing local society having the requisite number of stockholders among its members may become a branch society upon the same conditions.

SEC. 2. Branch societies so organized shall admit to membership only persons who are stockholders of the Association or who shall have made application for admission as such.

The Resident and State Vice-Presidents shall make to the Board of Directors, from time to time, and to each Annual Convention, suggestions as to any matters that they may consider advisable for official consideration, and shall file with the Secretary of the Association a report of each of their meetings.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of each Branch Society shall send to the Treasurer on the first of July each year a complete list of the members in good standing upon that date.

SEC. 4. Any Branch Society so organized may from time to time, if it so elect, subscribe for, acquire and hold, in the name of such branch, one share of the capital stock of this Association for every ten stockholders who are members of such branch, and not already included in the number who may have acquired stock in the name of some other Branch Society, and shall vote the same by proxy, duly instructed, or through their resident Vice-President.

ARTICLE XII.—*Property.*

SECTION 1. All officers shall, at the expiration of their terms of office, deliver to their successors all books, papers, moneys, and other property in their possession belonging to the Association, and they shall not be relieved from their bonds or obligations until this requirement be complied with.

SEC. 2. The records of the Board of Vice-Presidents and of the Board of Directors shall be turned over to the Assistant Librarian for safe keeping after two years have elapsed from the final adjustment of the subject of such records. These records shall be obtainable from the Assistant Librarian at any time that reference to them is necessary, upon written request of the board in which they originated.

ARTICLE XIII.—*Amendments.*

SECTION 1. The By-Laws of this Association may be altered or amended only by the consent of two-thirds of the stockholders voting on such alteration or amendment, and providing that such two-thirds shall constitute a third of all the members of the Association entitled to vote. Amendments may be made at the Annual Convention, any special meeting, or by a general vote, as provided for in Article III, Section 3, and the action of the Annual Convention or special meeting in amending the By-Laws shall be final, if such proposed amendments shall have been published in the Official Journal at least thirty days prior to the date of such Convention or meeting. But any amendment to the By-Laws adopted by any Convention or special meeting which was not so published, and any Rules or By-Laws passed by the Board of Directors shall be submitted to a general vote, as provided by Article III, Section 3, in case one hundred stockholders entitled to vote shall so request of the President within sixty days from the publication of the same in the Official Journal.

Seventeenth Annual Convention

OF THE

American Philatelic Association.

Pursuant to the following notice, the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association was held at Springfield, Mass., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 12, 13 and 14, 1902.

RACINE, Wis., May 26, 1902.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

The Seventeenth Annual Convention of this Association, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it, will be convened in the city of Springfield, State of Massachusetts, upon Tuesday, the twelfth day of August, 1902, and upon the succeeding days until all business shall have been disposed of.

I hereby appoint the following gentlemen to serve as the Committee on Credentials: W. O. Wylie, of Beverly, Mass. (Chairman); John N. Luff, of New York, N. Y.; D. T. Eaton, of Muscatine, Iowa; J. D. Bartlett, of Springfield, Mass., and G. W. Rode, of Pittsburg, Pa.

I also hereby appoint the following gentlemen as the Committee of Arrangements: W. C. Stone (Chairman), John W. Prevost and E. de Z. Kelley, all residents of Springfield, Mass.

Due notice will be given as to the location of the Convention Hall and of the hour of the assembling of the Convention.

GEO. L. TOPPAN, *President.*

The following stockholders were present:

A. W. Batchelder,	Boston, Mass.
W. H. Bruce,	Hartford, Conn.
D. H. Bacon,	Derby, Conn.
J. Delano Bartlett,	Springfield, Mass.
J. M. Bartels,	Boston, Mass.
R. R. Bogert,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Clark W. Brown,	Syracuse, N. Y.
Charles Burleigh,	Malden, Mass.
Frank H. Burt,	Newton, Mass.
E. M. Carpenter,	Boston, Mass.
T. J. Champagne,	Springfield, Mass.
H. A. Chapman,	Rocky Hill, Conn.
Nathan Cobe,	Waltham, Mass.
Warren H. Colson,	Salem, Mass.
E. D. Curtis,	Merrick, Mass.
H. E. Deats,	Flemington, N. J.
E. Doeblin,	Pittsburg, Pa.
Bertrand L. Drew,	Cambridge, Mass.
D. T. Eaton,	Muscatine, Iowa.
A. Herbst,	New York City.
George Hetrich, M. D.,	Birdsboro, Pa.
Alexander Holland,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
William H. Horne,	Springfield, Mass.
Gordon Ireland,	Cambridge, Mass.
W. W. Jewett,	Portland, Me.
J. F. Johnson,	Auburndale, Mass.

Edw. de Z. Kelley,	Springfield, Mass.
C. W. Kissinger,	Reading, Pa.
M. H. Lombard,	Winchester, Mass.
H. W. Legg,	Boston, Mass.
J. N. Luff,	New York City.
Geo. E. Marx,	New York City.
Eben S. Martin,	Minneapolis, Minn.
Wm. A. McDonnell,	New York City.
J. F. Gregory,	Hamilton, N. Y.
J. W. Prevost,	Longmeadow, Mass.
F. Putney, Jr.,	Boston, Mass.
Charles A. Reber,	Allentown, Pa.
Joseph S. Rich,	New York City.
Geo. W. Rode,	Pittsburg, Pa.
Chas. E. Sebbens,	Worcester, Mass.
Edwin F. Sawyer,	Brighton, Mass.
C. E. Severn,	Chicago, Ill.
W. C. Stone,	Springfield, Mass.
Geo. L. Toppan,	Racine, Wis.
Erwin G. Ward,	Springfield, Mass.
Ernest A. Witt,	Springfield, Mass.
Willard O. Wylie,	Beverly, Mass.
E. B. Woodin,	Springfield, Mass.

There were also in attendance the following visitors:

F. P. Brown,	Boston, Mass.
Mrs. Alma J. Bartlett,	Springfield, Mass.
Mrs. R. R. Bogert,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Miss Charlotte R. Bogert,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Miss Helen Bogert,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Alex. Cared,	Florence, Mass.
Mrs. E. M. Carpenter,	Boston, Mass.
Mrs. T. J. Champagne,	Merrick, Mass.
Mrs. E. D. Curtis,	Merrick, Mass.
Silas Chapman, Jr.,	Hartford, Conn.
Mrs. M. Doeblin,	Pittsburg, Pa.
W. C. Emery,	Northampton, Mass.
Frank H. Haskins,	Springfield, Mass.
Mrs. Maude D. Haskins,	Springfield, Mass.
L. C. Hassler,	Louisville, Ky.
Mrs. William H. Horne,	Springfield, Mass.
Mrs. J. F. Johnson,	Auburndale, Mass.
C. C. Lewis,	Northampton, Mass.
R. D. Maynard,	Springfield, Mass.
C. F. W. Moser,	Richmond, Va.
Edgar Nelton,	New York City.
Mrs. John W. Prevost,	Longmeadow, Mass.
C. H. Rumery,	Amherst, Mass.
Mrs. Wallace D. Smith,	Portsmouth, N. H.
Wm. L. Sauer,	Louisville, Ky.
Mrs. E. F. Sawyer,	Brighton, Mass.
S. Stebbins,	Springfield, Mass.
Mrs. Wm. C. Stone,	Springfield, Mass.
Geo. Fitts Waldron,	Somerville, Mass.
Mrs. Sarah E. Ward,	Springfield, Mass.
J. W. Witty,	Springfield, Mass.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST SESSION: Tuesday, August 12th, 1902.

The Convention met in the Art Museum, Springfield, at 10:30 A. M., and was called to order by the President, Mr. George L. Toppan.

The President: The Chair will declare the Seventeenth Annual Convention open for the transaction of business.

Mr. Stone, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, has a few remarks.

Mr. William C. Stone: Mr. President and gentlemen of the American Philatelic Association: When I sent in my name seventeen years ago as one of those willing to assist in the formation of a national association of stamp collectors I little thought that I should ever welcome them here in my home city. But the time has come when you are gathered together in Springfield. We expected to have his Honor the Mayor with us to-day to express greetings on behalf of the city. He was obliged to be absent this week, and so I will just bid you welcome in the name of the local stamp club, and hope you will have a good time. You will probably hear from me further in the course of the session, as I will have some announcements to make. Mr. President and gentlemen, we bid you welcome to the City of Homes. (Applause.)

The President: Mr. Stone, it is one of the pleasantest duties of the chairman of a convention like this always to acknowledge so cordial a reception as you have vouchsafed us. I think there were very few of us when we met in Buffalo last year who had any more idea of coming to Springfield this year than you did. But the oratorical efforts of both yourself and our friend on the right here (Mr. Burt) were such as to put everything else in the shade. The only thing we have to dread is the mention by Mr. Burt of the State Lunatic Asylum, situated, I believe, a few miles from here. As is well known, the majority of the general public understand very little of philately, and class us as cranks and the like; but we shall look to Mr. Stone to keep us out of that institution, at least until we have gotten away this time; if we come back we have to take our chances. On behalf of the Association I wish to thank the Springfield Stamp Club most heartily for its cordial welcome, and I have no doubt that in the annals of the Association this Convention will go down as one of the pleasantest that we have ever held. (Applause.)

Mr. Stone, will you take the chair, please?

(Mr. Stone took the chair.)

The Chairman: Gentlemen, the next item of business on the program is the annual address of the President, Mr. Toppan.

The President delivered the following address:

Members of the American Philatelic Association:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: Another year has passed into history and again it becomes my privilege to bid you a most cordial welcome to this, our Seventeenth Annual Convention.

From an American standpoint probably the most interesting philatelic event of the past year has been the issue of the documentary revenue stamps of the dollar values in the new and final color, *i. e.*, green, with the large, fancy numerals overprinted in black upon their faces.

These stamps, however, had hardly been in use for a period sufficiently long to test the claims made for them, that they were so printed as to effectually prevent their re-use after having been subjected to the cleaning process, when Congress, somewhat unexpectedly, repealed the law creating the stamp taxes, and the whole series became obsolete.

Another event which has excited much interest and discussion is the appearance of the four-cent stamp of the so-called "Pan-American" series, with inverted center. This find, if such it may be called, has certainly furnished the various philatelic journals, or their contributors, with subject matter for much discussion, which, at times, has been of a

decidedly acrimonious and disputatious character. However, the fact seems to be clearly established that they were never regularly issued to the public, or even to any post-office, and the question of their collectibility, either with or without the word "specimen," is one that each individual must decide for himself.

The long looked for and much heralded "McKinley Postal Card" has, after many vicissitudes, at last made its appearance, and, to me at least, it is such an improvement, from an artistic standpoint, over any of its predecessors as to be well worth waiting for.

The envelope mania, now that Cuba's postal affairs have passed from our administration, seems to have settled itself upon the Philippines, as, up to date, we have been favored (?) with no less than twenty-two distinct varieties of entires surcharged for use in this insular possession of ours.

A surprising feature of this issue is that it contains the one-cent value, on both white and amber papers, in size one; a size which, in the regular series for use in the United States, is strictly confined to the two-cent value. Of course these were printed to fill a "special order," as are most of the varieties in question, and that term, like the use of "miscellaneous" or "incidentals" in the traveling man's expense bill, covers a multitude of sins and generally precludes a too insistent inquiry into the true inwardness of the case.

The Danish West Indies, which, although not yet one of our colonial possessions, is generally so regarded from a philatelic viewpoint, have been prolific in new issues since the first of the year.

First comes the 2c. on 3c. This stamp was at first believed to exist only upon the 3c. of 1898, the ninth printing, and is found in two varieties, the normal and the 2 with the straight foot. Lately, however, a few sheets of the eighth printing have come to light, thus making four varieties. In addition to this, it is now known that the trial sheets, with the date 1901 instead of 1902, were put into stock and duly issued in the regular course of business, so that the total number of varieties is now six. Only a few weeks ago a sheet was found with the surcharge in green instead of black, thus raising the number of varieties to eight.

Coincident with the issue of the above was the 8c. on 10c., issue of 1901 or seventh printing. This also shows the variety of the 2 noted above, and, in addition thereto, one showing a space of two mm. between the 1 and 9 of the date, or three varieties in all. So far no green surcharge has been discovered for this value, and it is earnestly to be hoped that it will not be. Both of these surcharges were of local manufacture, and there were two printings of each.

Now it is announced that a new printing of each value, printed in Denmark this time, in a different type, has appeared, and we thus have a total of thirteen varieties for these two stamps.

The islands have somehow managed to exist for the forty-seven years of their philatelic life without unpaid letter stamps, but at about the time that the aforementioned surcharges were decided to be necessary it became apparent to the officials that there was still something lacking in the equipment of their postal machinery, and the result has been the issue of a nice set for unpaid postage—the 1c., 4c., 6c. and 10c.

The appearance of the new and so-called "King's head" series of stamps for Great Britain and its colonies has been, in all probability, the most important event of the year, marking, as it does, the beginning of a new epoch in the philatelic history of so vast a domain.

We have all become so used to seeing the features of the late Queen upon the multitudinous issues of these stamps, that it is hard for us to become acquainted with the change.

Among the local societies, Boston and Chicago, as was the case last year, are still in the lead so far as activity is concerned. Both still continue to hold competitive exhibitions and report much interest shown and large attendance. New York has awakened from her rather long period of torpor, as is shown by the records of the exhibitions held by one or another of her societies, and, being the philatelic center of the country, with an almost inexhaustible store of treasures to draw upon, it is to be hoped that she will, in the year to come, shake off the last symptoms of drowsiness and take her proper position at the head of the procession.

San Francisco, too, has come forward with the prospectus of an exhibition which is soon to be held by the Pacific Philatelic Society, and, judging from the list of classes, prizes, etc., it is to be of a most ambitious and pretentious nature.

As to our own Association, I can only say that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, its various departments are all in first-class condition and giving perfect satisfaction to all.

In conclusion, I desire to express to you my sincere appreciation of the many courtesies which I have received at your hands; for the loyal support which you have always accorded to me in my official capacity; for the kindly attention with which you have favored me this morning, and, last but not least, to express the hope that the year upon whose threshold we are now standing may be the most prosperous and notable one in the history of our Association as well as to each of its members individually.

President Toppan resumed the chair.

The President: The report of the Committee on Credentials, Mr. Wylie, Chairman.

Mr. Stone: He has not yet arrived.

The President: Roll call.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I move the roll call be omitted.

Mr. E. Doebelin: I second the motion.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The President: The next in order will be the appointment of committees. The Chair will appoint the following. The Committee on Credentials and the Committee of Arrangements have already been announced.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.—Messrs. W. O. Wylie, J. N. Luff, D. T. Eaton, J. D. Bartlett and G. W. Rode.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS.—Messrs. W. C. Stone, J. W. Prevost and E. de Z. Kelley.

COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES.—Messrs. J. W. Prevost, H. A. Chapman and H. W. Legg.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.—Messrs. E. M. Carpenter, R. R. Bogert and Gordon Ireland.

COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.—Messrs. H. E. Deats, E. Doebelin and W. H. Colson.

COMMITTEE ON SALES AND PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.—Messrs. J. F. Johnson, J. S. Rich and J. M. Bartels.

COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL JOURNAL.—Messrs. W. C. Stone, W. O. Wylie and C. E. Severn.

COMMITTEE ON BRANCH SOCIETIES.—Messrs. Eben S. Martin, George Hetrich and J. D. Bartlett.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.—Messrs. F. H. Burt, J. F. Gregory and M. H. Lombard.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.—Messrs. George L. Toppan, President (Chairman *ex-officio*), H. E. Deats, A. Holland, C. E. Severn and W. C. Stone.

MINUTES OF LAST CONVENTION.

The President: Next in order, gentlemen, is the reading of the minutes of the last convention, at Buffalo.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, I move the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and that the records as published in the official Year Book be approved.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The President: Gentlemen, I am afraid that even thus early in the session we shall be obliged to take a recess to await the report of the Committee on Credentials. None of the members of that committee are here, and we cannot proceed with any other business until we have that report.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I move that we take a recess until the Committee on Credentials are through.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I do not see the need of taking a recess now. We can go ahead with reports of other committees, there being nothing in the report of the Committee on Credentials that will show anything which will prevent our receiving these reports.

The President: The motion for a recess was seconded.

Mr. Stone: I will withdraw it if the Secretary has something to present.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, it seems to me that as no vote will be required this morning it is not necessary to know the number of proxies in the hands of members present, and we can listen to the reports of officers and committees and refer them to the proper committees for consideration.

The President: The Chair will call for the report of the Secretary.

The Secretary, Mr. Deats, read the following report:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., August 12, 1902.

To the President and members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN:—I take pleasure in presenting my third and final annual report as Secretary. The year has been a pleasant and moderately successful one, with a net increase in membership since the last Convention of twenty-three.

Eighty new stockholders have been elected during the year, and thirty members previously dropped for non-payment of dues have been reinstated.

On November 30th last, the time limit set for the payment of dues being extended until it was necessary to close the list for the Year Book, seventy-four were dropped for failure to pay and one was expelled in compliance with terms set at the last Convention.

Ten resignations have been accepted during the year and one is now pending. There are also four applications for membership now pending.

All of the above is more clearly set forth in the following statement:

Membership at date of last Convention,	532
New Stockholders,	80
Reinstated,	30
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Dropped for Non-payment of Dues,	74
Died,	3
Resigned,	9
Expelled,	1
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	87
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Total membership August 12, 1902,	555

During the year it has been my duty to chronicle the death of three members—

No. 961. WILLARD W. GRANT,

No. 1608. F. J. LAURIE,

No. 929. C. F. CANRIGHT,

and indirectly two* more, of whose decease I have not received sufficient proof to warrant publishing them as deceased.

The total membership reported above includes the two last mentioned.

The expenses of this office for the year have been about the same as usual.

All of the officers have, as heretofore, been exceedingly prompt in matters requiring correspondence.

The plan suggested two years ago of requiring the publication of applications for reinstatement seems to have brought fair results. Out of the seventy-four dropped November 30th last, twenty-five applied for reinstatement during the year. Ten out of the thirteen foreign members dropped were reinstated, showing that perhaps the bills for dues did not reach them early enough to receive their attention; therefore, this year the Treasurer has, at my request, sent out the foreign bills six weeks earlier in an endeavor to give our members abroad sufficient time to make their remittance before November 30th.

I received during the year a request for a file of the *American Philatelist* for the New York Public Library. I replied that I would furnish it if they would bind it properly and put it in the library for use, to which Dr. J. S. Billings, the Director, quickly assented, and the file was sent at once.

The file of the *American Philatelist* for the library of the Minnesota Historical Society (see page 56 of Vol XV, 1901) has not been sent, although it is ready, as I have had no replies to my letters to them.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The Resident Vice-Presidents have attended to their duties promptly and have been of material service in obtaining the new members received during the year. I would recommend the appointment of more Resident Vice-Presidents, especially in places where there is a reasonable chance of securing new members.

* See Report of Obituary Committee.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

The New York, Pittsburg, Chicago and St. Paul Branches are still in existence, the Chicago Branch being by far the most active.

CASH RECEIPTS.

From August 1st, 1901, to August 1st, 1902, I have received cash as follows:

Stock,	\$75 00
Dues, New Members,	56 80
Dues,	84 40
Year Books,	25
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	\$216 45

I have remitted to the Treasurer as follows:

Sept. 10, 1901, Cash to Treasurer, August collections,	\$63 20
Oct. 29, " " " September collections,	21 80
Oct. 29, " " " October collections,	29 80
Dec. 4, " " " November collections,	25 50
Jan. 24, 1902, " " " December collections,	15 10
April 15, " " " January collections,	7 00
April 15, " " " February collections,	9 90
April 15, " " " March collections,	12 50
Aug. 1, " " " April collections,	9 50
Aug. 1, " " " May collections,	5 45
Aug. 4, " " " June collections,	10 80
Aug. 4, " " " July collections,	6 70
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	\$216 45

The following is a statement of the expenses of my office for the year, amounting to \$123.05.

Vouchers for all items except postage accompany the report.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, TO H. E. DEATS, Secretary.

1901.	DR.	
Aug. 8. Express on Library Catalogues,	\$0 55	
8. Certified Copy of Certificate of Incorporation,	2 00	
31. Postage for August,	2 12	
Sept. 23. Three Letter-filing Boxes,	2 27	
30. Postage for September,	1 28	
Oct. 9. Express on Secretary's Record Book,	25	
9. Express on Year Book Copy to and from President,	55	
9. Express on Year Book Copy to and from Printer,	35	
12. Box Gold Seals for Stock Certificates,	30	
24. Binding Membership Lists, 1900,	2 50	
25. Secretary's Cash Book,	4 00	
31. Postage for October,	4 69	
Nov. 22. Set Guide Cards for Catalogue,	1 75	
26. Numbering Stock Certificates,	50	
26. Express on By-Laws,	30	
26. Express on Envelopes for Year Book,	85	
Dec. 1. Postage for November,	6 20	
12. Postage, 575 Year Books, at 3 cents,	17 25	
14. Express on Year Books to Chicago Directors,	85	
30. Express, Medal and Diploma to New York,	25	
31. Freight on Year Book,	42	
31. Express on Membership Lists,	25	
31. Express on Electrotypes from Printer,	25	
31. Postage for December,	5 86	
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		\$55 59

1902.			
Jan.	2.	Express on Membership List to P. M. Wolsieffer,	\$0 12
	11.	Telegram to C. L. Annan,	60
	31.	Postage for January,	2 17
Feb.	28.	Postage for February,	1 93
	28.	Binding Membership Lists,	2 75
Mar.	31.	Postage for March,	2 68
April	30.	Postage for April,	1 79
May	31.	Postage for May,	2 11
June	5.	Express on Books to Binder,	30
	30.	Postage for June,	2 46
	30.	Postage on Ballots and Proxies,	5 45
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			\$22 36
July	11.	Express on File of A. P. from Binder,	\$0 35
	11.	Express on File of A. P. to New York Public Library,	30
	31.	Postage for July,	3 10
	31.	Henry Blackwell, binding File of <i>American Philatelist</i> , for Minnesota Historical Society,	9 00
	31.	A. Killgore, Printing Ballots, Proxies, Stationery, etc.,	32 35
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			\$45 10
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			\$123 05

During the year I have drawn twenty-three orders on the Treasurer, amounting to \$784.27, as follows:

LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN, 1901-1902.

<i>Date.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name and Purpose.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
1901.			
Aug.	24	50. C. L. Annan, Treasurer's Expenses,	\$10 26
	24	51. E. M. Carpenter, Expenses of Entertainment Committee,	112 95
Sept.	9	52. Kihn Bros., Membership Cards,	12 00
	10	53. H. E. Deats, Secretary, Expenses to Convention,	41 00
	17	54. Frank H. Burt, Stenographic Report,	45 00
Oct.	4	55. Arkansas Democrat Co., Treasurer's Printing,	6 25
	28	56. E. Doeblin, International Secretary, V. K. B.,	5 15
Nov.	11	57. C. L. Annan, Treasurer, Treasurer's Expenses,	12 92
	18	58. H. E. Deats, Secretary, Dues E. H. Anderson, Librarian,	1 20
	22	59. W. M. Carson, General Agent, Treasurer's Bond,	20 00
	26	60. W. W. Jewett, account Official Journal,	100 00
Dec.	4	61. H. E. Deats, Secretary, Framing World's Fair Diploma,	5 00
	7	62. Arkansas Democrat Co., Treasurer's Printing,	2 25
	13	63. D. H. Bacon & Co., Year Book,	195 60
1902.			
Jan.	4	64. H. E. Deats, Secretary's Expenses,	55 59
	15	65. C. L. Annan, Treasurer, Expenses,	1 40
	27	66. Geo. L. Toppan, President, President's Expenses,	9 67
Mar.	7	67. C. E. Severn, Vice-Presidents' Board, Expenses,	6 71
	24	68. H. G. Smith, Superintendent, Insurance Fund,	10 04
July	16	69. H. E. Deats, Secretary, Secretary's Expenses,	22 36
	26	70. W. W. Jewett, Official Journal,	58 43
	31	71. C. L. Annan, Treasurer's Expenses,	5 39
	31	72. H. E. Deats, Secretary, Secretary's Expenses,	45 10
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			\$784 27

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. E. DEATS,
Secretary.

The report was referred, under the rules, to the proper committees—in part to the Committee on Branch Societies and in part to the Committee on Finance.

The President: The Committee on Credentials is ready to report now.

Mr. Wylie, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, read the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., August 12th, 1902.

Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report that 111 ballots were received, of which nine were rejected (one because it had no signature, seven were signed but not filled out, and one was not signed by the stockholder in person), thus leaving 102 legal ballots. The ballot resulted as follows:

Whole number ballots cast,	102
Necessary for a choice,	52
E. Doebelin,	100
C. L. Annan,	97
H. B. Phillips,	94
F. H. Burt,	91
Gordon Ireland,	91
A. Holland,	90
H. G. Smith,	90
F. W. Coning,	87
J. F. Johnson,	84
M. H. Lombard,	16
H. E. Deats,	13
C. E. Severn,	10
P. M. Wolsieffer,	9
D. T. Eaton,	5
Samuel Leland,	5
G. L. Toppan,	5
W. C. Stone,	4
J. N. Luff,	4
J. J. Oesch,	2
G. W. Rode,	2
F. J. Bescher, A. C. Stewart, H. E. Wilson, J. W. Scott, E. R. Aldrich, C. W. Kissinger, Geo. R. Tuttle, Geo. Hetrich, Geo. Leippe, W. O. Wylie, N. Cobe, E. T. Parker, J. M. Bartels, each,	1

Three ballots arrived too late to be counted.

The committee approved 228 proxies, distributed as follows:

D. T. Eaton,	69
W. C. Stone,	58
A. Holland,	30
E. M. Carpenter,	20
W. O. Wylie,	20
Geo. W. Rode,	10
A. W. Batchelder,	9
J. N. Luff,	7
J. D. Bartlett,	2
J. M. Bartels,	2
A. Herbst,	1

Eight proxies have been rejected because they were incomplete, one because it was drawn in favor of a director, one because it was not signed by the stockholder in person, and eight were superseded by proxies of a later date.

Your committee recommends for the consideration of the Association that the form of ballots be changed so that all nominations made up to the time of sending out the ballots may be printed thereon, sufficient space being provided for members to vote for others than those nominated.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLARD O. WYLIE,
J. DELANO BARTLETT,
D. T. EATON,
JOHN N. LUFF,
GEO. W. RODE,

Committee.

Mr. Wylie: I move, Mr. President, that this recommendation of your committee be referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The President: Do I hear any second to that motion?

Mr. C. E. Severn: Second the motion, Mr. President.

The President: The motion is that the recommendation of the committee be referred to the Committee on By-Laws. Are there any remarks? If not, it will be so referred. The main body of the report will be considered merely as a report of progress.

Mr. Wylie: Mr. President, may I suggest that if there be any further proxies in the hands of members, they be turned over to the committee at once? I already have two or three which we will report upon later, and we will present to-morrow morning a supplementary report.

The President: Report of the International Secretary, Mr. Doebelin.

Mr. Doebelin read the following report:

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: In these days of national expansion, when the United States is taking not merely a front seat, but a stage box, among the nations, the position of International Secretary of your Association is invested with constantly increasing dignity. The labor is not overwhelming, but the diplomatic importance of the office is considerable, and it is therefore gratifying to be able to report that my work during the past year has been smooth and unclouded, and that your Association remains at peace with the whole world—I mean, of course, the whole philatelic world.

During the last twelve months new issues of stamps have not been so plentiful as in the previous year, but there have been quite enough of them. King Edward alone has contributed more than the average collector can easily cope with.

The error in the printing of the 3-pfennig stamp of Germany caused world-wide excitement. It is a relief to know that nothing happened to the printer who accidentally managed to alter the title of the German Empire.

New foreign members enlisted during the year are as follows: From the Netherlands, 1; Turkey, 1; Spain, 1; Germany, 1; Greece, 1; British Guiana, 1.

On May 24th-26th the Dresden Philatelic Society, of which Dr. Paul Kloss is president, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary.

The Herts Philatelic Society held an exposition of stamps in the rooms of the London Philatelic Society. Only fifty stamps were allowed for each exhibitor. This affair was a great success.

Next year an exhibition will be held at Muehlhausen on the Rhine, at which the prize of honor will be given for the best collection of the stamps of Alsace-Lorraine. It is said that the display of these stamps will be marvelous in its extent and completeness.

I recommend that the Association renew its subscription to "Das Vertrauliches Korrespondenzblatt." It is a valuable journal, and its services to the interests of philatelic societies could not well be dispensed with.

Respectfully submitted,

E. DOEBLIN.

August 4th, 1902.

The President: Gentlemen, the recommendation as to the renewal of the subscription to the paper with the unpronounceable name will be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Doebelin: You ought to know its name by this time.

The President: The balance of the report, if there is no objection, will be accepted and filed. Report of the Treasurer.

The Secretary read the Treasurer's report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

August 8th, 1902.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

Herewith is presented a statement of the financial transactions of the Association for the past fiscal year.

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

Cash on hand September 1st, 1901,	\$3 91
Dues collected in September,	236 10
“ “ “ October,	253 70
“ “ “ November,	111 20
“ “ “ December,	17 10
“ “ “ January,	5 00
“ “ “ February,	5 90
“ “ “ March,	6 50
“ “ “ April,	4 50
“ “ “ May,	1 20
“ “ “ June,	1 40
“ “ “ July,	2 70
Transferred from Entertainment Fund,	12 94
Interest on certificate of deposit to January 1st, 1902,	15 00
Interest on certificate of deposit to July 1st, 1902,	15 00
For one year-book,	25
	<hr/> \$692 40

Disbursements.

1901.		
Sept.	11.	Arkansas Democrat Co., Renewal Cards, Voucher A 49, \$3 25
	21.	C. L. Annan, Treasurer, expenses to August 6th,.. " A 50, 10 26
	23.	Kihn Bros., Membership Cards, " A 52, 12 00
	26.	H. E. Deats Convention expenses, " A 53, 41 00
Oct.	3.	Frank H. Burt, Convention Report, " A 54, 45 00
	15.	Arkansas Democrat Co., Printing, " A 55, 6 25
Nov.	8.	E. Doeblin, Subscription to Vert. Kor. Blatt, " A 56, 5 15
	15.	C. L. Annan, Treasurer, expenses to Nov. 5th, ... " A 57, 12 92
	25.	H. E. Deats, Secretary, dues E. H. Anderson, .. " A 58, 1 20
	25.	Wm. H. Carson, Treasurer's Bond, " A 59, 20 00
Dec.	9.	W. W. Jewett, Official Journal Acct., " A 60, 100 00
	13.	H. E. Deats, Framing World's Fair Medal and Diploma, " A 61, 5 00
	18.	Arkansas Democrat Co., Printing Notices, " A 62, 2 25
	23.	D. H. Bacon & Co., Printing Year Book, etc., ... " A 63, 195 60
1902.		
Jan.	15.	H. E. Deats, Secretary, Aug. 24th to Dec. 31st, ... " A 64, 55 59
	17.	C. L. Annan, Treasurer, Collection Charges on Checks, " A 65, 1 40
Feb.	3.	Geo. L. Toppan, President, November 1st, 1900, to December 31st, 1901, " A 66, 9 67
Mar.	17.	Board of Vice-Presidents, expenses to March, 1902, .. " A 67, 6 71
July	23.	H. E. Deats, Secretary, expenses, January 1st to June 30th, 1902, " A 69, 22 36
Aug.	1.	W. W. Jewett, Official Journal, " A 70, 58 43
	6.	C. L. Annan, Treas., expenses to July 23d, 1902, . " A 71, 5 39
	6.	H. E. Deats, Secretary, expenses, " A 72, 45 10
		<hr/> \$664 53
		<hr/> \$27 87

STOCK FUND.

Amount in Fund September 1st, 1901,	\$1,687 00
Subscriptions collected in September,	15 00
“ “ “ October,	17 00
“ “ “ November,	6 00
“ “ “ December,	3 00
“ “ “ January,	2 00
“ “ “ February,	4 00
“ “ “ March,	6 00
“ “ “ April,	5 00
“ “ “ May,	4 00
“ “ “ June,	9 00
“ “ “ July,	4 00
	<hr/> \$1,762 00

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ENTERTAINMENT FUND.

Amount in Fund September 1st, 1901,	\$125 89
Expenses of Entertainment Committee August 24th, Voucher A 51,	\$112 95
Balance transferred to General Fund,	12 94
	<hr/> \$125 89

INSURANCE FUND.

Received from Superintendent of Sales, September, 1901,	\$791 09
" " " " " October, "	18 06
" " " " " December, "	23 53
" " " " " August, "	56 73
	<hr/> \$889 41
April 2, 1902. Losses charged Voucher A 68,	10 04
	<hr/> \$879 37
Total in all Funds,	\$2,669 24

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. ANNAN,
Treasurer.

The Secretary: I might say that, in addition to the Treasurer's balance, there is a balance in the hands of the Membership Committee and in the hands of the Librarian of \$79.57.

The President: You have heard the report; what is your pleasure?

Mr. Holland: I move it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Seconded by Mr. Carpenter, and so ordered.

The President: Report of the Board of Vice-Presidents.

Mr. Severn: Mr. President, the Report of the Board of Vice-Presidents is prepared, but will have to be submitted later. I did not bring the report with me; it is at the hotel, in my satchel.

The President: Report of the Librarian.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I understand that Mr. Anderson is out of town, and therefore I presume he did not get my letter and has not sent a report.

The President: Report of the Assistant Librarian.

The Assistant Librarian, Mr. Deats, read the following report:

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

The work of the year has been light on account of the lack of interest taken in the Library. I have not thought it advisable to push the completion of the files in my possession and the binding of them. A few small donations of unbound papers have been received during the year, most of the donors requesting that they be not recorded. Eight bound volumes have been donated during the year, as shown by my reports in the Official Journal. I have found it necessary to purchase fifty filing boxes of the kind previously purchased to properly care for the miscellaneous official records.

Statement of receipts and expenditures during the year is submitted herewith, together with bank draft for the balance on hand—\$45.32.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. DEATS,
Assistant Librarian.

August 12th, 1902.

H. E. DEATS, ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

DR.

Aug. 20, 1901. Balance on hand,	\$55 77
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Oct. 24, 1901. Binding,	\$2 00
Nov. 26, 1901. Express to Librarian,	55
Feb. 5, 1902. Binding,	1 50
Mar. 1, 1902. Express to Librarian,	30
April 18, 1902. Fifty Filing Boxes,	6 10
Aug. 5, 1902. Balance,	45 32
	<hr/> \$55 77

The President: If there is no objection the report will be referred to the Committees on Library and Finance. Report of the Collecting Agent.

The Secretary read the following report:

REPORT OF THE COLLECTING AGENT.

BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, July 29th, 1902.

H. E. Deats, Secretary:

DEAR SIR: As Collector A. P. A. I have to report as follows:

Ten small claims, aggregating \$200 received, of which six have been settled by return of stamps or cash.

One claim of \$400. This claim was paid, after suit, in full.

We have small claims, about \$200 in all, against another party. We are hopeful of a settlement for about 25 per cent. Debtor is in bad shape, we are informed, and nothing may be the final result.

Yours,

H. D. WATSON.

The President: What is your pleasure with that report? (No response.) A motion of some kind is in order; it is not a report that is referable at all.

Mr. Severn: Mr. President, I move that the report be accepted and placed on file.

Seconded by Mr. Doeblin and carried.

The President: Report of the Counterfeit Detector.

The Secretary read the following report:

REPORT OF THE COUNTERFEIT DIRECTOR.

NEW YORK, July 29th, 1902.

Mr. President and Directors American Philatelic Association:

I beg to make the following report of the business of my department for the past year:

Two hundred and thirty-two stamps have been received for examination from the members, of which one hundred and seventy-four were counterfeit, wholly or in part, and were returned to the owners with the desired information.

I should strongly recommend that the charge for examination be raised to ten cents per stamp, as during the last few years only the most difficult stamps were submitted for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SCOTT.

Mr. Holland: I move that be referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

Seconded by Mr. Cobe, and so ordered.

The President: Report of the Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department.

The Secretary read the following report:

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PURCHASING AND SALES DEPARTMENT.

August 1st, 1902.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit my second annual report, as follows, viz.:

On the 1st of August, 1901, I had books on hand to the value of \$14,770.38. Since then I have received books to the value of \$19,657.38, making a total of \$34,427.76.

I have retired books to value of \$18,568.49, leaving the value of \$15,859.27 still on hand.

The sales for the year have amounted to \$5,031.12, a good gain over the sales of the preceding year.

I have turned over to Mr. C. L. Annan, Treasurer, \$98.32 for the Insurance Fund.

Since the reduction of the rate of insurance I find, as predicted, that better grade of stamps are being sent in by members who figure on close margins and good sales.

In retiring from the office, I wish to thank the members who have patronized this department, both buyers and sellers, for the interest they have manifested and the promptness with which they have, as a rule, attended to forwarding circuits and making their remittances, and I trust that my successor will have equal cause to approve of your business methods.

I shall retire all books now in my hands, and remit for sales in each case, so that members from this date who make up new books should send them to my successor.

I have, on even date with this statement, sent report to Board of Vice-Presidents, including trial balance of the books.

Regretting that my business engagements have rendered it impossible for me to be with you at this Convention, and trusting that you will have an eventful meeting, I am,

Sincerely yours,

H. G. SMITH,
Supt. of Sales.

The President: The report will be referred to the Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department.

The next will be the reports of the Auction Purchasing Agents. Mr. Batchelder, of Boston.

REPORTS OF AUCTION PURCHASING AGENTS.

The following report was read by the Secretary:

REPORT OF AUCTION PURCHASING AGENT FOR BOSTON.

To the Members and Officers of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: As Auction Purchasing Agent of the American Philatelic Association I am pleased to report a still further increase in the number of applicants for my services, and as all the purchases have met with prompt payment and, as a rule, with favorable comment, I have reason to believe that my efforts have never been other than satisfactory to the members. I have made it a rule, whenever possible, to see the lots before purchasing, and have assumed the responsibility of not executing bids when, in my judgment, the condition was not fully up to the catalogue description. In this way I have sometimes avoided giving dissatisfaction, and as I have never had a complaint from the bidder because of such action, but have received the thanks of the members on several occasions, I feel that my course has been justified.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT W. BATCHELDER.

The President: Gentlemen, if there is no objection, that report will be received and filed. Mr. Wolsieffer, of Chicago.

Mr. Severn: I have Mr. Wolsieffer's report also at the hotel.

The President: Mr. Gregory, of New York.

The following report was read by the Secretary.

REPORT OF AUCTION PURCHASING AGENT FOR NEW YORK.

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

Fewer auction sales of stamps have been held during the season of 1901-02 than is usual. Of these nearly all consisted mainly of the cheaper grades of stamps.

Dealers and speculators are the principal patrons of sales of this class, and collectors miss many golden opportunities by neglecting to carefully scan the catalogues and place bids.

Though it may often be necessary to purchase many stamps not desired, what matter if all are obtained for the price of the one or two that are needed.

Your agent has carefully executed such bids as have been entrusted to him, and, so far as known, to the entire satisfaction of the patrons of the department.

I can only repeat my former recommendation, that members extend a more liberal patronage to this department.

Respectfully,

W. F. GREGORY,
Auction Purchasing Agent.

New York, August 5th, 1902.

The President: If there is no objection, that report will be received and placed on file. Reports of Resident Vice-Presidents. Mr. Johnson, of Boston.

REPORT OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Mr. Johnson read the following report:

REPORT OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT FOR BOSTON.

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN: I am very sorry to be obliged to say, as I said a year ago, that my report is very short, for the very good reason that I have nothing to report, although I have a great deal more to say than I had last year.

As regards the Boston branch, all I can say is, "Nothing doing," and the simple reason is that most of the larger cities have local societies, and quite naturally the collectors in the vicinity are members of the same; and even if they are members of the American Philatelic Association, they do not enthuse over branch societies, and I don't know as I can blame them, as a good local society is of more benefit to a collector at the present time than a branch of the American Philatelic Association.

I think it would be a good plan to abolish branch societies, and in place of them encourage the members to form local societies, where there are enough members in a certain locality to do so, and then I think it would be easy to have them see that it is to their advantage to belong to a national as well as a local society.

I would also suggest a change in the Membership Committee, and increase it from three to six, and appoint one each from Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Baltimore and San Francisco, or one member from six of the larger cities in different sections of the country, and have the Association appropriate at least \$50 for printed matter and postage, such as would be necessary to bring in new members, and I think in that way the membership could be easily doubled, and I see no good reason why it should not number at least fifteen hundred members.

We all know that there are lots of new collectors springing up all over the country, and a majority of them never heard of the American Philatelic Association. Within the past two years I have sent in a number of applications to the Boston Philatelic Society from different parts of the country, and if they would join a local society like the Boston, I think they would join a national society like the American Philatelic Association.

I know just how it is about getting in new members, as I have put in several applications since the first of June for this Association, and I did not have to try very hard either, and the members that I put in were all solid, substantial business men, and should make first-class members. I would not be afraid to guarantee but that I could average at least one application a month for the next year, but when I know that the majority of the members take no interest in securing applications, it does not give me much incentive to work, but I am satisfied that the membership can be materially increased with good members if all will take the interest in the Association that they should for their own benefit.

I do not believe in offering prizes to members to secure applications, as members procured with the hope of a reward seldom make good, energetic members, as the dues are so small, people who are not collectors could easily be induced to be one of us, especially when they do it to help a friend. Neither do I believe in the branch societies holding auctions to raise money for recruiting purposes; it all has to come out of the pockets of the members in the end. The Association can well afford an appropriation for the purpose, and I think it would be money well spent. If every member will send in one new name during the next year I will agree to send in a dozen. An application blank something after the style used by the Boston Philatelic Society would be an improvement. The Association needs more members and less branch societies.

The American Philatelic Association has not done nearly as much to benefit philately as have the Boston Philatelic Society, the Chicago or the Collectors' Club of New York, which are all local societies, but I see no reason why the Association cannot be the largest, strongest, and be of more benefit to philately than any society in the world.

I think that it is now on a solid basis, although I have occurrences of the dim past thrown at me once in a while by collectors who were members once on a time, when I ask them to be one of us again; but nevertheless I think now is the time to start in to do something, build the society up with good, substantial members, and at the same time there is plenty of other things that can be done by the Association that will be a benefit to all of the members as well as to philately in general.

I trust that the above few lines will provoke some discussion and do some good, if not in the way I have outlined it, do it in some other way, but do it and start now.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. JOHNSON.

Resident Vice-President, Boston, Mass.

August 12th, 1902.

The President: Gentlemen, you have all heard the report. If there are no objections it will be referred to the Committee on Branch Societies. Mr. William E. Loy, San Francisco.

The Secretary: Mr. President, Mr. Loy wrote me that he had not had time to prepare his report, but would mail it to me here. It has not yet arrived.

The President: Mr. Gregory, New York.

The Secretary read the following report:

REPORT OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT FOR NEW YORK CITY.

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

While the onerous duties of Resident Vice-President have been faithfully performed, I am unable to make detailed report of the work accomplished.

Suffice to say that I have vised all applications which have been submitted to me.

My efforts to secure a meeting of Association members or of Branch No. 2 have not been successful.

No meetings of any kind have been held.

The affairs of the Association appearing to be safely conducted, our members see no occasion for any extraordinary efforts, and seem inclined to allow matters to drift.

Though dormant now, New York Branch, No. 2, will be found very much awake when occasion demands.

Respectfully

W. F. GREGORY,

Resident Vice-President for N. Y.

New York, August 5th, 1902.

The President: The report will be referred to the Committee on Branch Societies. Mr. E. Doeblin, Pittsburg.

Mr. Doeblin read the following report:

REPORT OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT FOR ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: I have the pleasure to submit my twelfth annual report.

The Pittsburg Branch, No. 5, consists of fifteen members and held four meetings during the past year. Owing to the ability and energy of the present Secretary, Geo. W. Rode, Esq., the administration became more regular, and I am convinced of the branch's steady progress in the future.

The local society, the Twin City Philatelic Society, held twelve regular meetings. The attendance at these meetings left much to be desired, although the officers did their best to make the meetings interesting to the members. Original papers on philately were read and auction sales formed part of the programs. The society also held four stamp contests and distributed five medals, one for the best and most valuable 100 unused stamps, won by H. E. Wilson; one for 500 stamps without reference to value, only considering the condition of the stamps, won by Geo. Feick; a third one for used rarities, won by E. Doeblin.

Two additional medals were offered for the best United States collection. H. E. Wilson received the first one and L. E. Porter the second.

Messrs. H. E. Wilson, Dr. Eaton and E. Doeblin donated each one of the silver medals and the society gave the two others. The society had a special die cut, and silver and bronze medals cast for next season.

The Pittsburg Philatelic Club held its regular meetings. The original papers read were always of great interest, and philatelic and other talk kept the members together. The club is a great success.

It is to be regretted that a great many collectors in the county cannot be induced to join an association or society.

Yours very respectfully,

E. DOEBLIN.

Mr. Doeblin: I brought one of my medals along to show you that while we have great iron works at Pittsburg we can make something else there on a small scale.

Mr. Severn: What else have you in that pocket?

Mr. Doeblin: I have everything there. (Handing the medal to Mr. Cobe.)

The President: The report will be referred to the Committee on Branch Societies.

Mr. Doeblin: Say, Mr. Cobe, this is not a souvenir. (Great applause and laughter.)

The President: Mr. Merell, of Chicago. Is his report at the hotel also?

Mr. Severn: Mr. President, I understand that Mr. Merell was to send his report direct to Mr. Deats, and consequently that is not at the hotel. (Laughter.)

The Secretary: Mr. President, I have to report that it is not in the morning mail.

The President: Mr. Martin, of Minneapolis.

The Secretary: Mr. President, a telegram from Mr. Martin says: "Delayed until Wednesday morning." I presume that means he will not be here until to-morrow morning.

The President: Mr. Leve, Syracuse.

The Secretary read as follows:

REPORT OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT FOR SYRACUSE, N. Y.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., August 9th, 1902.

H. E. Deats, Sec'y American Philatelic Association:

In presenting this my first and last report as Resident Vice-President for Syracuse, I desire to say, very earnestly, that there are many good collectors in this vicinity who should, but will not, join the Association, on account of seemingly selfish motives. I have signed several applications during the year, and have done all I could to help along the good work. * * *

Very truly yours,
AB. LEVE.

The President (interrupting the reading of the report): Mr. Secretary, we will omit the balance of that report. The Chair does not mean any personal questions to come up for dispute here when both sides are not ready. The report takes up and covers a ground, gentlemen, entirely outside the jurisdiction of Mr. Leve as Resident Vice-President or anything else. The report, so far as read, you may take what action on it you please, but the Chair refuses to allow anything but the report proper to be read.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I move it be referred in the usual course.

The motion was seconded.

The President: It is moved and seconded that the report be referred in the usual course. Unless there are some objections it will so stand.

Mr. Bartlett, Springfield.

Mr. Bartlett made the following report:

REPORT OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT FOR WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., August 12th, 1902.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

It is a pleasure as well as a duty for me to report at this Convention as Resident Vice-President for Western Massachusetts.

Since the Convention last year at Buffalo, twelve earnest and enthusiastic collectors of this section have applied to the Association for membership. One of them has since moved to Saginaw, Mich., and another to Boston.

The Springfield Stamp Club is in a very flourishing condition, and has held 143 meetings to date. Last spring several exhibits and contests of stamps were held for the pleasure and amusement of its members, and it is expected they will be resumed again this fall.

It has been thought best not to form a branch of the Association here, as one good club open to all honest adult collectors is better than two or three poor clubs.

For the benefit of the local members of the Association a manager has been appointed to handle and circulate the books of the sales department.

It is hoped that this Convention will bring to light collectors in this city who have not known of the local club or the American Philatelic Association and will result in their becoming members.

Respectfully submitted,

J. DELANO BARTLETT,
Resident Vice-President for Western Massachusetts.

Referred to the Committee on Branch Societies.

The President: Report of the Obituary Committee.

Mr. Burt, Chairman of the Obituary Committee, submitted a partial report, and the Committee were given leave to report in full in print.

The following report was subsequently filed with the Secretary:

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

To the American Philatelic Association:

The following deaths of members have been reported to your committee since the last Convention:

- Willard W. Grant, No. 961, Scranton, Pa., May 16th, 1901.
- Frank E. Keilbach, No. 1049, Savannah, Ga., November 27th, 1901.
- C. F. Canright, No. 929, Manitowoc, Wis., May 23, 1902.
- Francois Jules Laurie, No. 1668, Brussels, Belgium, June 17th, 1902.
- Richard P. Mayer, No. 371, Cleveland, Ohio., April 30th, 1902.

WILLARD W. GRANT.

Died May 16th, 1901.

Willard W. Grant, principal of the Scranton (Pa.) High School, died of apoplexy, May 16th, 1901, being stricken while engaged in his duties in the class-room. He was fifty-two years old, was born in Jefferson county, New York, and graduated from Harvard in 1869. Soon after graduation he was married, and, with his wife, established an academy for boys and girls in the State of New York. He was afterwards for several years principal of Leavenworth (Kans.) High School, and from 1881 to 1892 held a similar position at Indianapolis. In the latter city he did the great work of his life, reorganizing the high-school course and introducing with great success a system of manual training. After leaving Indianapolis and traveling Europe he was for a few years the principal of the Providence (R. I.) Manual Training High School. In 1899 he accepted the position in Scranton, which he filled until his death. A skilled educator and a man of integrity and high standing, he held a leading place in his profession, and in the year and a half of his life in Scranton he had won the esteem and regard of his associates and pupils, and enjoyed the respect of the community. Besides a son, Warren Grant, a student in Harvard, he leaves four daughters, three of whom are teachers—one in Massachusetts, one in Rhode Island and the third in South Dakota. Mrs. Grant has resided in Taunton, Mass., since her husband's death.

Mr. Grant's interest in philately was simply as a diversion from the cares of his professional life, and he followed no specialty. He became a member of this Association while residing in Providence.

FRANK E. KEILBACH.

Died November 27th, 1901.

Frank E. Keilbach was born in New York City in 1866, and was the son of Charles F. Keilbach. He went from New York to Savannah in 1875, and attended the high school in that city, finishing his education in the school in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1882. In 1884, with his parents, he removed again to Savannah, and was appointed Clerk of the Probate Court. In the year 1900 he was appointed Judge of the same court. Leaving Savannah by steamer on November 26th, 1901, he fell overboard on the night of November 27th, and was drowned.

RICHARD P. MAYER.

Died April 30th, 1902.

Richard Perry Mayer died at the home of his father, Adolph Mayer, 1587 Euclid avenue, Cleveland, April 30th, 1902, aged forty-two. His life had been one of extreme suffering since his early manhood. He completed his education in the University School of Notre Dame at the age of nineteen, when he was stricken with rheumatic gout, and in spite of the care of the most skillful physicians of this country and Europe, the disease could not be permanently checked. He engaged in business for a time in Cleveland, establishing what was known as the "Popular Shoe Store," but about fourteen years ago his health became such that he was forced to retire. He bore his suffering for many years with great patience, and during the six years before his death the illness was of a less severe form than previously, until his last attack. Mr. Mayer found great comfort in his illness with the collecting of postage stamps, which afforded him much needed diversion, and his collection has been estimated by experts to be worth from \$1,500 to \$1,800. Besides his father, Mr. Mayer had three sisters. Mrs. M. J. Mandlebaum and Mrs. N. I. Dryfoos, of Cleveland, and Mrs. Alfred Wolf, of New York City.

C. F. CANRIGHT.

Died May 23, 1902.

C. Frank Canright was born in Manitowoc, Wis., in 1860, and graduated from the Manitowoc High School. When but a young man he accepted a position with the Goodrich Transportation Co. as purser of their steamer, "City of Ludington," running between Milwaukee and Manistee. He advanced until he was appointed agent of the company at Manitowoc, remaining in their employ until the time of his death. He was a ready conversationalist and made friends wherever he went. He became interested in stamps in 1890, and, though his time was much taken up with his business, he found much pleasure in the pursuit of philately, so far as he had time to devote to it. Being stricken with consumption, he went last fall with his wife and two small daughters to Tucson, Arizona, and later to Pasadena, where he died in May of this year. He was buried in Manitowoc, where his family still live. (The above information was furnished by Miss Margaret B. Reynolds, of Milwaukee, No. 1642.)

FRANCOIS JULES LAURIE.

Died June 17th, 1902.

Francois Jules Laurie was born in Brussels, April 19th, 1861, but after leaving school spent considerable time in Paris and Monaco as a journalist. He then returned to Brussels and became an officer in the Belgian army, taking great interest in fencing and sharpshooting, and receiving diplomas for his skill in both branches. In addition to his other accomplishments, he possessed a magnificent tenor voice, and his singing in "Faust" was warmly commended by the press and critics of Brussels and Paris. Tiring of the service, he went to Russia to live when his commission in the army expired, but that country did not suit him, and he returned to Brussels and engaged in manufacturing.

Being offered the position of editor of a French Republican paper in Worcester, Mass., he came to this country and became a naturalized American citizen. He took a great interest in politics, and was in great demand as a campaign orator with French clubs.

Election over, and having more spare time, he took up stamp dealing as a side line, and a little later dropped journalism and gave his entire attention to stamps. He acted largely as agent for foreign stamp firms and publications, his principal purchase being the library and stock of philatelic literature of Moens, of Brussels, the former being sold to Mr. H. E. Deats, while another set, nearly as complete, was purchased by G. Hamilton, Smith & Co., of London. He joined the American Philatelic Association in 1899. Adopting as a specialty the stamps of his native country, Belgium, he succeeded in getting together one of the finest collections of that country in existence, taking the bronze medal at the Paris Exhibition and being second only to Mirabeau's superb aggregation. He visited Belgium several times after taking up his abode in America, finally returning in 1900, and again becoming a resident of Brussels. He continued his stamp business, but was very homesick, and looked forward to a time when he could come back to America. His health grew very poor, and in May, 1902, he went to the Hospital of St. Jean for the removal of a tumor. The operation was not entirely successful, and he died very unexpectedly June 17th, 1902.

The funeral took place June 20th, and was largely attended by Brussels philatelists in a body, headed by M. Moens.

He was married early in life, and leaves a widow and son, Jules, an artist, who now resides with his mother at 230 Rue Nerode, Brussels, although they hope to return to this country soon.

For the Committee,

FRANK H. BURT,

*Chairman.**The President:* Committee on Philatelic Literature, Mr. Stone.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, the Committee on Philatelic Literature was not appointed until quite late in the year. Mr. Aldrich, the other member, has been extremely busy, and sent me his memoranda a few days ago. I have been quite busy myself, and would like to ask leave to report in print in the Year Book. As our report is largely compiled later in the year, we can give a much more satisfactory report in that manner.

The President: You have heard the request of Mr. Stone.*Mr. Cobe:* I move it be granted.

The motion was seconded.

The President: It is moved and seconded that the report of the Committee on Philatelic Literature be passed for the present, and that they be allowed to report later in print.

The motion was carried.

The President: Membership Committee, Mr. Oesch.

Mr. Severn: I have also the report of Mr. Oesch at the hotel.

Mr. Doebelin: Wouldn't it be better if Mr. Severn brought the hotel here?

The President: If he had brought his satchel here it would have been better.

The Secretary: Mr. President, I don't like to find fault with our Chicago friend, but these reports ought to be all received this morning and read and referred to committees. It delays us just so much longer. I would like to have Mr. Severn send some good-natured fellow like our next president down to the hotel and bring them up, so that we can receive them and get them out of the way this morning.

(Mr. Holland thereupon left the hall.)

COMMUNICATIONS.

The President: Next in order are communications.

The Secretary read the following telegrams, which were ordered placed on file:

CARNEGIE, Pa., August 12th, 1902.

To the President of the American Philatelic Association, Art Museum, State St., Springfield, Mass.:

Best wishes to Convention, 1902. Send regards to all, including Pittsburg delegates.

IGNAZ STAUFFER.

DETROIT, Mich., August 10th.

George L. Toppin, c/o W. C. Stone, Springfield, Mass.:

Will be delayed until Wednesday morning session.

EBEN S. MARTIN.

The President: Unfinished business. Mr. Secretary, is there any unfinished business?

The Secretary: No.

The President: New business. Is there any subject that any of the members wish to bring up? I presume, gentlemen, that new business might be taken to include the settlement of the place of the next convention. That is the last item of the order of business until we can get the reports of committees.

Mr. Doebelin: Severn, it is your turn.

Mr. Severn: What is that?

Mr. Doebelin: Is that in the hotel, too?

Mr. Luff: What is it, Mr. President?

Mr. Doebelin: Get up and make a speech; I know you want to bad.

PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I move that we proceed to the selection of the place for the next Convention.

The President: The Chair hears no second to the motion.

Mr. Cobe: Second the motion.

The motion was put to a vote and carried.

The President: Nominations will now be in order for the place of the next Convention, The Chair has both ears open, but is unable to hear anything.

Mr. Doebelin: Mr. President, I always thought the matter was settled, because Chicago sent out literature and stickers and advertisements for a whole year, though the member that is here representing the Chicago society can make a little speech about it and tell us what they want to do for us.

Mr. Severn: Mr. President, it is generally known that in the early part of the campaign for the Convention in Chicago in 1903, much enthusiasm was manifested by various members, but within the last few months this enthusiasm seems to have died away, and in a half-hearted way the report seems to have gained currency that Chicago does not want the Convention. I would not go to the length of saying that Chicago does not want the Convention,

and would not be appreciative of the honor that would be conferred upon it by a Convention, but at the same time the lack of enthusiasm seems to augur in some way—I do not feel at liberty to place Chicago in nomination. But as I say, Chicago would be pleased to have the Convention if it were honored in that way.

Mr. Wylie: Our friend Severn is rather bashful about placing Chicago in nomination, but I am not very much so, and in view of the fact that there will no doubt be a larger proportion of membership of our Association who would prefer to go there to any other city, I am going to take the liberty, Mr. President, of placing Chicago in nomination. I do that in the knowledge that no less than sixteen or seventeen of the proxies which I hold have instructed me to vote in favor of that city, and I have sufficient confidence in the loyalty of the membership of our Association in the city of Chicago to feel that if we vote to go there this coming year we shall find a hearty welcome when we assemble there. If there has been during the past month or two a spirit that has entered into some of the members in that city that they are not at all particular as to where the Convention shall meet, this will be banished, it will be swept aside, I am sure, upon the knowledge that we have voted to assemble there next year. So I beg to nominate Chicago for the Convention seat next year.

Mr. Doebelin: I second the nomination.

Mr. Stone: Both personally and on behalf of a number of my proxies I second the have, in case there is any doubt.

Mr. Severn: Mr. President, I hope that my preliminary remarks will not be misconstrued. I merely made the statement as the reason for my not nominating Chicago. I don't know that it would be good taste for me, a Chicagoan, to nominate Chicago; but any silence on my part I trust will not be misconstrued.

Mr. D. T. Eaton: In coming through Chicago I was given the impression that Chicago would rather not have it, but as it has come up this way I think we are free to act according to our preference. I prefer Chicago to any other place. I have several instructions for Chicago, and would also like on behalf of my proxies to second Chicago.

The President: The Chair will state from his own experience that the feeling Mr. Severn has referred to seems to have started from an idea that seems somehow to have taken possession of a good many of the members outside that Chicago did not want it, and that feeling rather disheartened some of the boys there—that is the report he has received from the seat of war. Are there any other nominations?

Mr. F. H. Burt: Mr. President, if the sentiment had not seemed so unanimous for Chicago I should have suggested that we go to Clayton in the Thousand Islands and repeat our delightful experience of several years ago. But as the feeling seems so strong for Chicago, I will simply give notice of my intention next year to nominate Clayton for 1904.

Mr. Luff: Make the nomination now and I will second it.

Mr. Burt: I think I won't disturb the unanimity.

Mr. Cobe: I nominate Boston.

Mr. E. M. Carpenter: Mr. President, my friend on the right (Mr. Luff) has been very much taken with Mr. Burt's suggestion of the Thousand Islands. While none of my proxies have given me any instructions, because Chicago has been boomed so much, I think many of them would like to go to the Thousand Islands, and therefore I nominate Clayton as the place for the next Convention.

Mr. Luff: Second that nomination, Mr. President.

The President: Clayton is placed in nomination. Did I hear a second for the nomination of Boston? Are there any further remarks on the subject, gentlemen, in any way?

Mr. H. A. Chapman: Mr. President, I don't suppose it would be much use for me to say anything; I nominate Rocky Hill.

Mr. Doebelin: What is that, Mr. Chapman?

A Voice: That isn't on the map.

The President: Are there any further remarks? Chicago and Clayton, N. Y., have been nominated. It is customary, gentlemen, in voting for the selection of a place for the next Convention to have the roll called and vote in that manner. If there are no further remarks the question will be put.

Mr. Burt: Mr. President, inasmuch as Clayton has received the support of two enthusiastic and influential members, I will beg leave to add a second to the nomination.

The President: The Secretary will call the roll. Gentlemen, as the roll is called, announce your vote, either for Clayton or Chicago, and if you hold proxies, the number of votes cast for each. If there are any names omitted it will be because they have not registered, and they will please announce the fact.

The Secretary: Mr. Rode, will you take this report of the Committee on Credentials, and when the names of persons holding proxies are called, tell them how many proxies they have, in case there is any doubt.

The Secretary proceeded to call the roll, with the following result:

	Clayton.	Chicago.
Bartlett, J. D.,	3	
Bartels, J. M.,	3	
Bogert, R. R.,	1	
Brown, Clark W. (absent),		
Burleigh, Charles,	1	
Burt, Frank H.,	1	
Carpenter, E. M.,	21	
Champagne, T. J.,	1	
Chapman, H. A.,	1	
Cobe, Nathan,	2	
Colson, W. H.,	1	
Curtis, E. D.,	1	
Deats, H. E.,		1
Doeblin, E.,		1
Drew, B. L.,	1	
Eaton, D. T.,	3	67
Herbst, A.,	2	
Hetrich, George,		1
Holland, Alex. (absent),		
Horne, Wm. H. (voted by proxy),		
Ireland, Gordon,	1	
Johnson, J. F.,	1	
Legg, H. W.,		1
Luff, J. N.,	7	
McDonell, Wm. A.,	1	
McGregory, J. F.,	1	
Prevost, J. W.,	1	
Putney, Freeman, Jr.,	1	
Reber, Chas. A.,	1	
Rich, Joseph S.,	1	
Rode, Geo. W.,	11	
Sawyer, Edwin F.,	1	
Severn, C. E.,		1
Stone, Wm. C.,	50	8
Toppan, Geo. L.,	1	
Ward, Erwin G.,	1	
Witt, Ernest A. (voted by proxy),		
Wylie, Willard O.,		21

During the roll-call the following statements were made:

Mr. Eaton: Mr. President, inasmuch as I hold two Chicago proxies and one Eastern proxy, I will vote three for Clayton and 67 for Chicago.

Mr. Stone: On behalf of instructed proxies I cast eight votes for Chicago and 50 votes for Clayton. (Applause.)

Mr. Luff: And your own vote?

Mr. Stone: I withdraw one proxy; Mr. Chapman is here.

After the roll-call—

The Secretary asked: Is there any member present who has not voted?

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, I think as Mr. Holland is absent on business of the Convention, this vote ought to be kept open until he returns. I don't know which way he will vote his proxies. He is entitled to 31 votes.

The President: The point is well taken.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I would suggest, then, that when he comes in he should be informed that we are voting on the Convention place, that we are voting for Clayton and Chicago, and he should be asked to cast his vote uninfluenced by any member present. (Laughter.)

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, I don't know why Mr. Holland should not hear the arguments as well as the members present.

Mr. Luff: I will meet him outside the door.

Mr. Eaton: Mr. President, I think I might as well ask to have the vote held open till the close of the Convention, for the simple reason that by that time there will be quite a number of proxies in that now have no voice in this.

The President: Gentlemen, we will hold the announcement of the vote for the present. It might be just as well, while we are awaiting the return of Mr. Holland, to consider the date of the next Convention, which, of course, will have no bearing on its location. Has any member any motion to make?

Mr. Cobe: Mr. President, I move it be the 25th—later in the month than this.

Mr. ———: Mr. President, I would suggest August 10th. Usually in the first two weeks in August we have the best weather.

Mr. Bartels: Mr. President, I suggest it be the second Tuesday in August.

The President: None of these are in the form of motions; they are all suggestions. Will somebody make a motion?

Mr. Doebelin: Mr. President, I move that the next Convention be held on the second Tuesday of August.

Mr. Wylie: I second the motion, Mr. President—the second Tuesday in August.

The President (to Mr. Doebelin): Mr. Wylie seconds your motion; will you repeat it?

Mr. Doebelin: I move that the next Convention be held on the second Tuesday in August, 1903.

The President: You have all heard the motion, that the next Convention be held on the second Tuesday in August, 1903. Are there any remarks?

(At this point Mr. Holland re-entered the hall.)

The President: If there are no remarks as to the date the Chair will put the question—second Tuesday in August, 1903. (Putting the question.) It is a vote.

The Secretary: Mr. President, there are two members present who have not voted on the question of the place of the next Convention—Mr. E. Marks and Mr. Holland.

The President: It will be in order to allow them to vote now.

The Secretary: Does Mr. Marks want to vote?

The President: He has just gone out.

The Secretary: Mr. Holland, do you wish to vote on the place of the next Convention?

Mr. Holland: Surely. Why not?

The President: Chicago and Clayton are in nomination.

Mr. Holland: Thirty-one for Clayton. (Great applause and laughter.)

The President: The polls are closed. The Secretary will please announce the result.

The Secretary: Mr. President, these figures are not verified by a comparison with the stenographer's, but 101 for Chicago and 152 for Clayton are the figures I have. (Applause.)

The President: Clayton is appointed the place of the next Convention, 1903.

Mr. Burt: I move that the vote whereby we have selected Clayton as the place of the next Convention be made unanimous.

The President: Unless there are objections it will so stand.

We will now go back into the hotel matters. Report of the Board of Vice-Presidents.

The Secretary: Mr. President, while Mr. Severn is getting the satchel open I will read the report of Chicago Branch, No. 1.

REPORT OF CHICAGO BRANCH, NO. 1.

CHICAGO, Ill., August 9th, 1902.

To the Officers and Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: Chicago Branch, No. 1, has held twelve regular meetings during the past fiscal year of the Association. All of the meetings have been more largely attended than those of any year heretofore.

It has been gratifying to the members to note the attendance at our meeting of visitors, other than members of the Association, who seem to feel an interest in the Association that may lead them to join in time.

Through the efforts of the Branch, an auction sale was held and lots donated by the members of the Association were sold, and the receipts turned over to the Chairman of the Membership Committee to help defray expenses in connection with the committee's work.

Chicago Branch has again nominated a ticket and instructed its delegates to recommend to the officers elected various members to appointive offices. We think that these members will fill the respective offices to the best of their ability and will promote the welfare of the Association.

Very respectfully,

P. J. FLANDERS,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Branch Societies.

The President: Mr. Severn, we are ready to hear from you.

Mr. Severn read the following report:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

CHICAGO, August 9th, 1902.

To the Members of the American Philatelic Association:

During the fiscal year just ended, the second term of the retiring Board of Vice-Presidents, there have been but few cases of a generally important nature considered by the Board, whose activity, however, has been taxed by the adjustment of numerous minor cases. If the Board of Vice-Presidents had placed a strict interpretation on its duties as enumerated in the By-Laws, there would have been little to engage its attention, but the Board decided to extend its services so as to cover all cases in which a tender of the good offices of the Board would be likely to have effect.

The collection of debts, when purely such, was not pressed by the Board, for the Board did not wish to usurp any of the functions of the department of the Collecting Agent. The Board is pleased to say that a mere notification of the delinquents had the effect in several cases of hastening a settlement of acknowledged debts. The case involving the greatest length of time to adjust was finally compromised; it was involved in different ways, and embodied legal phases that perplexed the Board; however, the original claim of \$95 was compromised for \$75.

The Board of Vice-Presidents has adjusted all cases that it took cognizance of, except one, which is referred to the Convention merely because of the somewhat embarrassing position that the Board is placed in when considering the case; the plaintiff is a member of the Board of Vice-Presidents, although he did not enter into deliberations on the case that he submitted. Had the Board of Vice-Presidents decided the case it would have found against the defendant. It was only at the meeting called to decide the case that the two uninvolved members of the Board realized that a wrong construction could be placed on a decision unfavorable to a person against whom a third member of the Board of Vice-Presidents had preferred charges. When the Board first acted upon the charges, it did not invest them with any great importance, and it felt that it could equitably arrange the matters involved, but the unyielding stand and the peculiar methods in meeting the issue adopted by the defendant made it necessary that the Board of Vice-Presidents assert its position. The accompanying transcript covers the case, whose merits cannot be discussed within the limits of this report.

The Board of Vice-Presidents has endeavored to preserve its character as a confidential intermediary, and it has consistently safeguarded the interests of all who have sought its services.

The Board of Vice-Presidents thank those members who have shown an appreciation of

the position of the Board in fulfilling its duties and who have shown a disposition to assist it in its work.

SAMUEL LELAND,
P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
C. E. SEVERN,
Board of Vice-Presidents.

Mr. Severn: A transcript of the case referred to is here, Mr. President. Shall I deliver this to the Secretary?

The President: Yes. Gentlemen, you have heard the report. The case in question is referred to the Convention and will have to be decided by them, the By-Laws explicitly giving the Board of Vice-Presidents power to so refer any case which they do not wish to decide.

Mr. Severn: Mr. President, the documents are somewhat voluminous, and perhaps it would be well to appoint a committee to consider them, in case that is customary.

The President: The documents will all have to be read and considered in full Convention in order to give each member an opportunity to vote understandingly upon the question. The appointment of a committee would simply simmer the facts down, but it is the opinion of the Chair that the whole or nothing should come out in full Convention. I do not think anything would be gained by a committee.

Mr. Eaton: Mr. President, wouldn't it be well to lay the matter over for a day or two? The matter is quite lengthy.

The President: It might be desirable.

Mr. Eaton: Mr. President, then I move that this matter be made a special order for to-morrow.

The motion was seconded.

The President: It has been moved and seconded that the case in question referred to by the Board of Vice-Presidents be made a special order for to-morrow.

The motion was put to vote and carried unanimously.

The President: The report of the Board of Vice-Presidents will be received and placed on file.

The report of the Auction Purchasing Agent for Chicago, Mr. Wolsieffer.

The Secretary read the following report:

REPORT OF AUCTION PURCHASING AGENT FOR CHICAGO.

August 9th, 1902.

To the Officers and Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: I have to report that for the year just past I have executed a large number of commissions for members of the Association. I also am pleased to say that in the great majority of cases I have succeeded in giving satisfaction.

As usual, there have been a few unreasonable demands, owing generally to a difference of opinion regarding condition, and in several cases I have been put to personal loss for small amounts. I have declined to act where members consider an auction sale in the light of an Approval Department, and think they are at liberty to return lots at any time.

One feature some members seem to overlook, and that is the terms of sale under which an auction sale is held. Every auction sale is conducted under certain conditions, and the fact of sending in bids is evidence that the bidder is willing to comply with said conditions or terms of sale. If there is any complaint it should be made at once, the three-day limit covering that point is entirely in the interest of the bidder and should not be overlooked.

The owner looks to the auctioneer for a prompt settlement of a sale, and if bidders delay beyond a reasonable time the auctioneer is obliged to advance the money to make settlement with the owners.

Remittance should also be promptly made by draft, post-office or express order.

With best wishes for the welfare of the Association, I remain,

Very truly yours,

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
Auction Purchasing Agent.

Mr. Deats: I move the report be received and accepted.

The President: Are there any remarks? It will so stand unless objection is taken.

The Secretary: Mr. President, I have the report of the Membership Committee. (Reading.)

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

Your Committee on Membership has nothing much to report this year, other than its financial report, which we were not ready to give you at the last Convention.

The past year we have not altered our campaign for procuring new members, but have continued sending out application blanks and "booklets" to all stamp collectors whose names have been given us by the various members of the Association. The results achieved have been more or less satisfactory. There is no doubt in our minds that a committee can do a lot of good for the Association if the members will but take some interest in the matter. A committee cannot procure new names to work on unless the members will come to their aid, and we trust that your next committee will receive this support from the members.

We beg to submit the following financial report:

RECEIPTS.

Result of auction sale of stamps donated by members and sold by Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer,		\$74 50
Cash from Chicago Branch, No. 1,		5 00
" " Mr. Geo. L. Toppan,		5 00
" " Mr. F. W. Coning,		1 00
" " Mr. A. W. Batchelder,		1 00
" " Mr. E. M. Carpenter,		1 00
" " Mr. B. G. Butler,		25
" " "A Member,"		1 00
Total,		\$88 75

EXPENSES.

Cost of Booklets,		\$17 65
" " Circulars,		11 00
" " Stationery,		5 00
Postage from January, 1901, to August, 1902,		20 85
		54 50
Cash on hand,		\$34 25

Which amount we hand herewith to the Association.

The committee wishes to thank the various members for their financial and moral support.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. OESCH,
Chairman.

The President: If there are no objections, the report will be referred to the Finance Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

The President: Is there any other new business? If not, a motion to adjourn will be in order, as we have reached as near the end as we can go until we can get the reports of the committees which have been appointed to-day.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, the Committee of Arrangements have a few announcements to make. First, we want to call the attention of visitors to our stamp exhibit in the window of Forbes & Wallace, on Main street, about half way to the Hotel Worthy, on the opposite side of the street. The exhibit has been in charge of one of our members and has attracted a great deal of attention. It is gotten up largely to interest the non-collecting public and to show them what there is in stamp collecting. I hope you will all go and take a good look at it. One of our leading collectors looked at it yesterday and said that he saw several things there that he did not know anything about, so you may all learn something from it.

The Art Museum, upstairs, is ordinarily open only in the afternoon from two to six. Mr. Stebbins, who is in charge, will be on hand early to-morrow morning, so any of you who want to look it over will find him there.

This afternoon our trolley trip to Mount Tom will be taken, and our photographer thinks it would be best for us to have the photograph taken this afternoon instead of to-morrow; so we will ask you to meet at Court Square—the open square on Main street where the soldiers' monument is—at 2:15 sharp this afternoon. The picture will probably be taken on the City Hall steps, although I cannot tell. If you will meet on the square there we will inform you later—on the square.

The trip to Mount Tom will be taken by trolley, and we have a special car engaged. It will take about two hours for the trip, and all persons who have registered will be eligible to go. When we return from Mount Tom the supper will be served in the Grand Army Memorial Building, which is on Court street, the street running along the side of Court Square and by the City Hall. The supper will be served at 7:30, provided we get back from Mount Tom at that time, or immediately after our return. Now, if any of you have any questions to ask about the arrangements I shall be pleased to answer.

Mr. ———: Does the Mount Tom excursion leave from the square?

Mr. Stone: The special car will leave from the square.

Voices: What time?

Mr. Stone: Members are requested to be there at 2:15. We shall leave as soon after the picture is taken as we can, probably about half-past two.

Mr. Prevost: Mr. President, I will say, as I have charge of the photograph, that the picture will be taken on the City Hall steps, so you may assemble toward the City Hall.

Mr. Bartlett: I move that we adjourn till to-morrow morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Voices: Ten!

The President: It has been moved and seconded that we adjourn till 9:00 o'clock.

Mr. Johnson: That is all right—9:00 o'clock.

The motion prevailed, and the Chair declared the meeting adjourned till Wednesday at 9:00 A. M.

In accordance with the program announced by the Committee on Arrangements, the members and guests met at 2.30 P. M. on the City Hall steps, where a group photograph was taken. The company then took special cars for Mountain Park, Holyoke, at the foot of Mt. Tom, enjoying a delightful ride by the banks of the Connecticut, through West Springfield and Holyoke. At Mountain Park a change of cars was made to the inclined railway to the summit of Mt. Tom, where the rest of the afternoon was spent in enjoying the magnificent view. The weather was perfect, and mountains could be seen in four States—New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut—prominent among them being Wachusett, Monadnock, and Haystack and Stratton Mountain in the Green Mountains.

Returning to Springfield in the early evening, the members and their friends were the guests of the Springfield Stamp Club at a banquet served in the Grand Army Memorial Building by the Women's Relief Corps.

SECOND SESSION: Wednesday Morning, August 13, 1902.

The Convention met in the Art Museum at 9:30 A. M., the President in the chair.

The President: Has the Committee on Credentials any further report to make this morning?

SECOND REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Officers and Members American Philatelic Association:

Your committee begs leave to present the following supplementary report on proxies:

John N. Luff,	5
W. C. Stone,	5
W. W. Jewett,	3
Nathan Cobe,	1
D. H. Bacon,	1
W. O. Wylie,	1
Eben S. Martin,	1

One for H. E. Deats is rejected because made out in the name of a director, one because signature is illegible, and two in the name of Max Heavenrich are rejected because of the differing signatures and the two proxy holders are unable to recognize either as a true signature.

Mr. Carpenter has withdrawn one of his proxies filed in the name of A. W. Batchelder.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD O. WYLIE,
GEO. W. RODE,
D. T. EATON.

The President: If there is no objection, the report will be received and accepted as a report of progress.

WOLSIEFFER v. LEVE.

The President: The special order this morning is the case referred to the Convention by the Board of Vice-Presidents. Mr. Severn, being the only member of the board present, I think will be a good man to lay it before the Convention.

Mr. Severn: By that do I understand, Mr. President, that you wish this transcript read—each exhibit in turn?

The President: Certainly.

Mr. Severn: Much of this matter has to be seen to be appreciated. The letter in which Mr. Wolsieffer made his complaint reads as follows:

CHICAGO, ILL., May 26, 1902.

Mr. C. E. Severn, Secretary Board of Vice-Presidents, American Philatelic Association, Chicago, Ill.:

DEAR SIR: I enclose herewith the original order of Mr. Ab. Leve, of Syracuse, N. Y., in which he authorizes me to purchase certain lots for him at my April 26th sale.

Mr. Leve is a member of the American Philatelic Association, and as I am the Auction Purchasing Agent for Chicago of the American Philatelic Association, I think my complaint is justified in more ways than one.

At the present writing Mr. Leve has the stamps in his possession, and I simply refer you to the correspondence which has passed between him and myself, and as you will see in my letters to him it is not a question at all as to what the stamps are, but it is a question of his liability in the matter, as he never notified me that there was anything wrong with these stamps until ten days after the sale. It is needless to say to the Board that if anything had been wrong with these stamps in my judgment they would never have been offered, and it is too late now to question whether the stamps, as he claims, were artificially doubly perforated, which in itself seems a silly accusation to set up, as no one would spoil good

stamps to make freaks out of them. My own private opinion is that Mr. Leve is in financial straits, and does not want to meet his just accounts, and for this reason is making an excuse to avoid paying this just account, which is long since overdue.

I think that members who are acting in this manner are not good members of the American Philatelic Association, and feel justified as a member in calling for strict measures to be taken in this case. Regretting that I am obliged to make a charge against a member, I remain

Very truly yours,

P. M. WOLSIEFFER.

Mr. Severn: When Mr. Wolsieffer presented this complaint to the Board, the Board was in some doubt as to what penalty could be visited on Mr. Leve in case the accusation of Mr. Wolsieffer was found a good one, and Mr. Wolsieffer, of course, would not commit himself as to what he would exact as a penalty, and merely instructed the Board, as it were, to exercise its good offices in seeking a settlement of what was considered a controversy.

Exhibit 1 shows the letter sheet, with order, soliciting advertisement, and duplicate bill of auction lots purchased. This, of course, could scarcely be read; it would have to be digested in some way. The letter reads:

P. M. Wolsieffer:

SYRACUSE, April 20, 1902.

DEAR SIR: Enclosed please find my bids. Will you buy one page in my new state revenue book for \$10.00, including twenty copies of the book, which will sell at fifty cents. This is a liberal proposition and the investment will be a good one.

Yours truly,

AB. LEVE.

P. M. Wolsieffer, 38 Madison Street, Chicago, Ill.:

April 20, 1902.

DEAR SIR: Please purchase for me at your auction sale of April 26th, 1902, acting as my agent and buying if possible below my limits, the lots indicated on this order, and for which I will settle without any delay.

Yours truly,

AB. LEVE,

Box 495, Syracuse, N. Y.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Bid.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Bid.</i>
45.....	\$1 00	58.....	\$0 70
46.....	2 00	59.....	50
47.....	2 00	60.....	2 00
48.....	50	61.....	50
49.....	1 00	62.....	1 00
50.....	2 00	63.....	1 25
51.....	50	64.....	75
52.....	1 00	65.....	2 00
53.....	50	66.....	3 00
54.....	50	67.....	1 00
55.....	70	68.....	4 00
56.....	1 00	69.....	5 00
57.....	50	70.....	4 00

Mr. Abe Leve, Syracuse, N. Y.:

CHICAGO, April 26, 1902.

To P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Dr.

<i>Lot.</i>	<i>Your Bid.</i>	<i>Bought for.</i>
46.....	\$2 00	\$1 70
53.....	50	50
55.....	70	65
57.....	50	50
58.....	70	65
60.....	2 00	1 90
63.....	1 25	1 25
64.....	75	75
65.....	2 00	1 80
70.....	4 00	3 80
Reg. and postage.....		12
		<hr/> \$13 62

Exhibit 2, Mr. Leve's first letter and Mr. Wolsieffer's reply; letter written nine days after the sale. Mr. Leve writes Mr. Wolsieffer:

P. M. Wolsieffer:

SYRACUSE, May 5, 1902

DEAR SIR: I am satisfied these extra perforations are not original ones, so I cannot use the lot, and return them herewith. I have made a study of the stamps of this nature, and I am using my own impressions in deciding to return them.

Please credit same and oblige

AB. LEVE.

Mr. Wolsieffer replies:

Mr. Ab. Leve, Syracuse, N. Y.:

May 7, 1902.

DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of your favor of yesterday and the return of all the lots that you authorized me to buy for you acting as your agent at the sale of April 26th, and in reply must express my astonishment that anyone who is so well versed in the conduct of an auction sale should return anything from that sale in this way.

Without going into detail as to whether the extra perforations are original, I must call your attention to Rule 13 of "Terms of Sales." Even if these lots were as you claim they are, you had no right whatever to return them at this late day. They are not returnable under any circumstances whatever, and I will hold them here subject to your further orders. Unless you take them up immediately they will be sold for your account in our next sale or the sale after, and should they bring less than they did before I shall charge to your account the difference, plus the twenty-five per cent. commission for selling them. This is a perfectly legal transaction, and I can and will hold you to it, for there is no reason whatever for their return.

I might add for your information that the gentleman who secured the other lots, out-bidding you in a number of cases, sent me his draft for them by return mail, and as he is a collector of considerable note located in New York City, and probably knows as much about these things as you do, I can find no excuse as to why you should return them.

It would be ridiculous to suppose that any stamp collector in his right senses would spoil stamps in value from \$10.00 to \$25.00 by having perforations put through the center of them or otherwise artificially for the sake of making oddities that would only sell for about one-fourth to one-half what they would sell for if they were perfect specimens. These stamps would have fetched far greater prices had they been perfect, and I consider these freaks are really damaged stamps, but some revenue enthusiasts collect them as separate varieties because they are freaks, and as such they were listed and described.

Your impressions in deciding about them does not amount to anything now as you have overstepped the three-day limit and I have settled with the owner. Another thing is that the owner is a concern of considerable repute and also knows more about these things than you do. I will be obliged to you if you will immediately take these up and send me your check for them, and add to it please the necessary registration to return them to you.

Very truly yours,

P. M. WOLSIEFFER.

Exhibit 3 is the letter ordering the lots sent on to him. Mr. Leve writes Mr. Wolsieffer:

P. M. Wolsieffer:

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 9, 1902.

Answering yours of recent date, kindly find enclosed 10 cents to send stamps on again,
And oblige

P. O. Box 495.

AB. LEVE.

Exhibit 4, third letter and copy of reply. Mr. Leve writes Mr. Wolsieffer:

P. M. Wolsieffer:

May 18.

I have carefully examined the do perforation lots again and am sure they are not original. For instance would or could anyone cancel a revenue stamp in heavy writing across perforations without steering clear of the holes or without getting ink in them or on inner edges. Here is what I find on one stamp, the heavy marks are the cancellation and the holes were cut in after the stamp was cancelled. What shall I do with them?

LEVE.

He gives a sort of illustration of the manner in which the inking was done over the perforations.

Mr. Wolsieffer writes Mr. Leve:

Mr. Ab. Leve, Syracuse, N. Y.:

CHICAGO, ILL., May 20, 1902.

DEAR SIR: I certainly must express my surprise at your letter dated May 18th in which you are still trying to pick flaws in the stamps that you purchased at our last sale.

In reply I can only call your attention to our terms of sale which state most explicitly "No claims allowed or recognized if the lots are in your keeping over three days."

I am not entering in any argument with you whatever as to the merits of these oddities, and simply answer your question as to what you shall do with them by saying that I shall expect you to pay for them and that very promptly or I shall be compelled to take other measures. I have paid for these stamps to the owner nearly two weeks ago and therefore have advanced this money for you acting as your agent, and it does not seem to me that you want me to put my hands in my pocket to pay your bills.

There is no use whatever in saying anything more about it and I will not write anything further about it than to say that if I do not receive a remittance from you within a week I shall take such course as I deem proper in this case.

Very truly yours,

P. M. WOLSIEFFER.

Exhibit 5 is fourth letter and copy of reply, endorsed by Mr. Wolsieffer "My Final Ultimatum on the Subject." Mr. Leve writes Mr. Wolsieffer:

P. M. Wolsieffer:

May 25.

DEAR SIR: I have submitted the stamps to several well-posted parties and all agree they were treated after cancelling. Now I'll submit them to every dealer in this country first, before I pay even auction prices for them. I will return them again and wish your receipt in full for them.

Yours,

AB. LEVE.

Mr. Wolsieffer writes in reply:

Mr. Ab. Leve, Syracuse, N. Y.:

CHICAGO, ILL., May 26, 1902.

DEAR SIR: I am just in receipt of your favor dated the 25th, and I regret very much to see that you are begging the question in regard to these auction lots.

As stated to you before they are not returnable under any circumstances no matter if they are rank counterfeits or what you claim in regard to them, inasmuch as you have kept these stamps over the time limit as specified in the terms of sale governing my auction sales, and to which you subscribed by signing an order appointing me as your agent to purchase these lots for you. I carried out your instructions as your agent to the letter, and you are familiar enough with auction sales to know what that means, and if not you will have to take the consequences.

It does not make any difference to me how many dealers or others you submit those stamps to, as that has nothing whatever to do with the case. I will under no circumstances give you credit for these stamps, but shall at once proceed against you in such a manner as I may deem proper. This is my final answer to you and I do not give you another day's time, but shall proceed at once as stated above.

Very truly yours,

P. M. WOLSIEFFER.

Exhibit 6: While Mr. Wolsieffer does not admit that the question of genuineness of the double perforations comes into the case, he submits a letter of the owner of these particular stamps, and a copy of a letter of a previous owner showing that they are not fakes, for the consideration of the Board of Vice-Presidents.

This letter is from the Holton Stamp Co. to Mr. Wolsieffer:

Franklin E. Smith,
President.

HOLTON STAMP CO.

(Successors to E. A. Holton)

DEALERS IN UNITED STATES AND FOREIGN STAMPS
60 Devonshire Street (Near State Street)

Edwin A. Stevens,
Treasurer.

Boston, Mass., May 28, 1902.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Atwood Bldg., Chicago, Ill.:

DEAR SIR: Enclosed we hand you reply of the Nassau Stamp Co. to our letter. We would like to have you return this letter after making what use of it you care to.

Yours very truly,

HOLTON STAMP CO.

Dict.—E. A. S.
Enclosure.

This is the letter from the Nassau Stamp Co. to the Holton Stamp Co.:

NASSAU STAMP CO., LTD.,
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Postage Stamps,
John A. Klemann, Sec'y and Treas.
237 Broadway, New York City, U. S. A.

Holton Stamp Co., Boston, Mass.: May 28th, 1902.

DEAR SIRs: In reply to your letter of the 24th inst. would say that the stamps were originally purchased from Mr. E. B. Sterling. I understand from collectors dealing with him at the time revenues were selling 3c. and 4c. a hundred, he placed everything curious and odd in a box which he eventually sold.

Hoping that this information will be of some service to you I am

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. KLEMAN.

(P. S.) This letter concerning doubly perforated revenue stamps known as freak or oddities, which were sold in Wolsieffer's April 26th Auction Sale, 1902, and of which there seems to be some question by a purchaser of part of them.

Exhibit 7, letter received, to which no answer was made. Mr. Leve writes Mr. Wolsieffer:

SYRACUSE, N. Y., July 21, 1902.

Mr. Wolsieffer:

Don't take advantage of being an advertiser.

Any decent house accepts back goods for a reason.

My reason is the stamps are fakes.

Don't use a lot of good men to fight behind.

Remember you cannot hurt a good name.

Also can you prove what I returned in my registered letter that you refused to accept?

AB. LEVE.

Exhibit 8 is certified copy of letter written to Secretary Dickinson, of the Chicago Philatelic Society. Is it in order to read this letter? (No objection being made, Mr. Severn proceeded to read the letter.)

SYRACUSE, N. Y., July 21, 1902.

Irving Dickinson:

MY DEAR SIR: Please put this question to the A. P. A. meeting:

"If Wolsieffer is honest in this deal why does he refuse to accept a registered letter from me when he did not know what I sent in the letter?"

My line of defence is this. The stamps are fakes. He admitted it once when he said "*even if they were counterfeits I would have to keep them.*" He refuses to accept them. I returned them twice. He is an advertiser and the stamp papers are afraid to state the case—both sides. I am sending the stamps again. He must accept them as I'll never pay for such stuff. Furthermore I did not buy the lot as an A. P. A. member or of him as an A. P. A. agent, and he is a rank coward to use his advertising patronage behind which to conceal his faults; and mark you every stamp collector and dealer will get a statement of the facts from me. I am V. P. for Syracuse and I'll send a report to Springfield. Mr. Wols. is trying to hurt me all over and only a coward would do this. Any firm on earth will take goods back. The best collectors and dealers here pronounced them fakes and when I wish to return them I show my honesty in the matter and Mr. Wols. will have a chance to answer a libel suit if he don't pull up, and he is using all you A. P. A. and C. P. S. fellows for suckers to shield him. This is plain language—but it is meant in earnest—every word. Suppose you owed for a suit and it proved unsatisfactory after you had time to try it on? Would you keep it without a murmur and then would the firm resort to low methods to hurt your good name? Would you stand for it? would Wolsieffer.

AB. LEVE.

This is the certificate of the notary public that appears in connection with this:

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
COUNTY OF COOK, }

I, Walter H. McDonald, a notary public in and for said county in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that I have carefully compared this and preceding page with the original thereof and that above is a true and correct copy of said original.

Dated Chicago, August 5th, A. D. 1902.

WALTER H. McDONALD.

Notary Public.

(SEAL.)

Exhibit 9 is the auction catalogue showing the stamps sold, and the stamps are described here in the manner that auction catalogues describe stamps.

Now this includes no correspondence with Mr. Leve that the Board of Vice-Presidents had. This correspondence was in reply to letters of which I have copies in the letter-press copy-book used by the Board. The letters are pointless, but perhaps they should be read in connection with this.

The President: I think they will prove quite interesting.

Mr. Severn: The first letter is from Mr. Leve to myself, dated June 4th, 1902:

C. E. Severn:

SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 4, 1902.

MY DEAR SIR: Have noted carefully your letter and will say Wolsieffer cannot use the A. P. A. office to palm off counterfeit stuff on auction buyers. I have shown the stamps in question to several dealers, collectors, printers and others and all agree with me that the extra perforations are *not* original and genuine as issued by the government. Now I have carefully studied these oddities, and I explained my reasons to Mr. W., but he insists on payment, even as he says, were the stamps "rank counterfeits." He is willing to take them back and credit me for what he re-sells them for; and this I will not do. I must have credit in full; will submit stamps to you as an officer in A. P. A. where this Wolsieffer is seeking to hurt my name, but now I am sure he knew the stamps were not O. K. and I will prove by his rules also, that the lots are *not* as per catalog. I have a good name and Wolsieffer has also, but my word and honor will be protected even if he does resort to red tape, knocking and questionable methods in selling stuff. Shall I send you the stamps?

LEVE.

Also letter dated June 11th, 1902.

My dear Mr. Severn:

Answering yours of recent date I know you have no personal feeling in the matter. Mr. Wolsieffer *did not buy those stamps as an A. P. A. agent*. I bid on them at the Wolsieffer sale and he seeks to use the A. P. A. to cover his tracks. I am on that board, I believe V. P. for Syracuse, and I am in good standing, although I have not the pull W. has. Now the stamps are ready for return and have been since I received them, but W. must credit me with full amount and not resell them for any sum and chg. me the difference. I thank you for writing me, but I believe I have rights also as an A. P. A. member and I can quote you some rules on counterfeit detector, etc. I'll write further how W. did not live up to his catalog rules. However in no line of business is a return of dmgd. or bad goods denied. I know a thing or two also.

Yours truly,

AB. LEVE.

A. P. A., C. P. S., S. of P., P. S. of A., A. R. A., E. S. P. S., etc.

In answer to a letter of mine, Mr. Leve writes under date of July 15th:

C. E. Severn:

SYR., July 15.

Answering yours will say you all are afraid to publish my side. I returned stamps, as they are fake and Wolsieffer refuses them. They are here subject to his orders. I am on that board of V. P. and you will hear from me. I never told Wolsieffer to buy for me as a member of the A. P. A. Let him fight his business troubles outside as I bid as an outsider. Mr. Wolsieffer is all wrong and I know how it would hurt him in his stamp business for you fellows to decide against him. However he can have the stamps any time, but I'll never pay for fakes.

Yours truly,

AB. LEVE.

The Board of Vice-Presidents held a meeting, as it intended to, on a certain date, and would have expelled Mr. Leve in consequence of the manner in which he begs the question and the general unsatisfactory style of his correspondence. At first, as I say, the Board of Vice-Presidents had no idea of visiting any severe penalty on Mr. Leve, because we did not know whether the merits of the case would allow of such a decision. But the generally unsatisfactory tone of his correspondence and the manner in which he begs the question shows that he is not the member he was supposed to be in the estimation of the Board. And, as the Board of Vice-Presidents reported, the matter is brought to the attention of the Convention.

The President: Well, gentlemen, you have heard the testimony in the case so far. What is your pleasure?

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I have a proxy from Mr. Leve; I have a letter from him which contains the only information that I had about the case from him until I heard this correspondence. I would like to read the letter and submit it.

Mr. Stone.

Also use my vote to prevent Wolsieffer of Chicago from using the A. P. A. as a shield behind which to throw fake stamps at collectors in his auction. I have some revs. which are fake perforation and he refuses to accept them though I sent them registered now he brings charges against me in the A. P. A. Is he right?

AB. LEVE.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, do I understand Mr. Severn to say that Mr. Leve returned all the lots and objected to them, or only one or two?

Mr. Severn: All of the lots. Mr. Leve bid only on those lots that were——

Mr. Stone: Freaks.

Mr. Severn: Freaks; yes, the double perforated and extra perforated stamps.

Mr. Carpenter: He claims that all ten lots were fraudulent?

Mr. Severn: Yes, all the stamps.

Mr. Bartels: Mr. President, I have also had a little experience with Mr. Leve in regard to auction lots. He returned me once all the lots he bought of me, without any cause whatever, and I wrote him never to favor me with any more bids.

Mr. Batchelder: The Board of Vice-Presidents have considered this matter in all of its details, and have had opportunity to do so more carefully than we have here. I would like to ask if the retiring Board of Vice-Presidents have any recommendation to make. I should rather vote on their recommendation than try to understand all the little details of this matter as it comes to us. In the first place, it would appear to me that Mr. Wolsieffer's conditions were conditions which all auction sellers require, and that they were reasonable ones. Apparently they were not complied with, and of course the Board of Vice-Presidents have had an opportunity to see even deeper than we can here. Therefore, as I say, I would like to ask if they have any recommendation to make.

The President: The Chair will state, Mr. Batchelder, that Mr. Severn has already announced that at a meeting which they held before they had decided to bring the matter before the Convention, they had decided to expel Mr. Leve, but took no action, as Mr. Wolsieffer was a member of the Board, preferring the Convention to take whatever action it saw fit.

Mr. Batchelder: Who was the third member of the Board?

Mr. Severn: Mr. Samuel Leland.

Mr. Batchelder: He was acquainted with the facts in the case, was he?

Mr. Severn: Yes.

Mr. Batchelder: That is all I ask, Mr. President.

Mr. B. L. Drew: Mr. President, I have had a little experience with auction sales myself. I received a letter from Mr. Wolsieffer in which he said I ought to be able to give some expert testimony on this occasion, and he asked me to do so. I feel pretty well acquainted with Mr. Wolsieffer; I also feel pretty well acquainted with Mr. Leve. About the three-day rule, I will say this right here, that there are a great many people who seem to think that they are privileged not to observe it, and if I saw fit to complain in every case when an A. P. A. member keeps lots more than three days and returns them afterwards I could keep this Convention busy for a number of sessions. So I do not think it exactly fair to expel Mr. Leve simply for not observing the three-day rule. On the other hand, I must say I do not like Mr. Leve's attitude. I don't think it makes any particular difference to him whether the stamps were "fixed" or not. I had some of the same lot myself, and I was told by a great many people who didn't know any more about them than Mr. Leve did that they were of the character which he said. I also have statements of the owners, and I am perfectly willing to believe their statement, because I have no proof to the contrary; neither has Mr. Leve; and it seems to me it is coming to a pretty fine question. Therefore, I am very glad indeed that we have not got to decide whether the stamps were perforated before or after they were

used. Mr. Leve is no doubt in financial straits. As the saying is, he is "on his uppers." If Mr. Wolsieffer did not take the stamps back, I think his chances of getting nothing are most decidedly good. I have some people I would like to settle with on the terms that Mr. Leve offered. Where Mr. Leve is most to be blamed, I think, is in his giving what you might call "sarse" to escape liability and evade his debts. He wrote me once and said: "Mr. Drew, I would like to take these stamps, but I am out of a job and haven't any money, and don't know when I shall get any money, and I would be very glad indeed if you would take them back." I was very glad to take them back. (Laughter.) I think if he had written Mr. Wolsieffer in that way, Mr. Wolsieffer would have seen it in that light. Auction dealers have troubles of their own. You have to be as wise as a serpent and as harmless as a dove, and it is a good thing to have the back of a dog and the manners of a gentleman and the hide of a rhinoceros. You have to do a great many things you don't like to do and to listen to a great many things you don't like to hear. I would like to know whether Mr. Leve is to be expelled or not. I would be a great relief to me to know that I can petition the Board of Vice-Presidents to have any member fired out who returns stamps in four days when he ought to return them in three. It would also assist me greatly in securing polite letters in the future from members of the A. P. A. And I would like to feel also that there is some means by which loopholes that are too small for an ordinary man to fall out of can no longer be used by a man who seeks to avoid paying just debts. I have had much experience with auction purchasers, and the vast majority are among the best of men, with whom it is a pleasure to deal, but there are a few exceptions. That is why I take so much interest in this, and I would like to see some action taken. I think Mr. Leve is deserving of censure, but whether it goes so far as to require his expulsion I must say I have grave doubts. (Applause.)

The President: Gentlemen, the Chair would suggest that really this is all out of order; there is nothing before the house in the shape of a motion. The discussion has been allowed to run along merely to get the ideas of the members. But if somebody will make a motion to some effect so as to bring the matter properly before the assembly, I think it will put things in better shape.

Mr. Wylie: Mr. President, I would move that Mr. Leve be given thirty days in which to settle; that if at the end of that time the matter is not settled, he be declared expelled.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland.

Mr. Stone: Before that motion is put to vote I would like to announce that I have said all I wish to say in Mr. Leve's behalf as his proxy. I do not wish to go on record as going back on his instructions. I shall therefore decline to vote on this question.

The President: Are there any further remarks, gentlemen? The motion is that Mr. Leve be given thirty days in which to settle the account; if it is not settled at that time, that he be declared expelled.

Mr. Luff: Mr. President, I have not heard the whole of this discussion, but I think I know pretty well what the status of the case is from some questions, and I should like to ask if it is within our province to take action on such a motion as that—whether we are called upon to effect a settlement of Mr. Leve's account with Mr. Wolsieffer, or whether we are simply asked to vote on him and his actions as affecting the Society. It seems to me that that motion as put before the house is an attempt to collect a debt, and I do not consider that that is our concern. Our concern is simply with his conduct as a member of the Association—whether it is deserving of censure or deserving of expulsion. I do not see how we are called upon to act as debt collectors. If there is anything of that kind to be done why doesn't the gentleman who has the claim put it in the hands of our agent who attends to such matters—the Collecting Agent?

Mr. Wylie: Mr. President, it may be that I put my motion a little too blunt, and with that knowledge of the English language that Mr. Luff has, I have no doubt he could couch it in terms that would not make it seem quite as opprobrious and yet would reach the mark just the same. What we want to arrive at is really contained, I think, in the motion which I have made, although there might be a sort of homeopathic dose made of it and have it

reach that point. We are really dealing with the claim made, and we are not only, perhaps, acting in the light of considering Mr. Leve's standing in the Association, but we are settling the question at issue between Mr. Wolsieffer and Mr. Leve. Now, it seems to me what we are trying to arrive at in the motion which has been made is really what the Convention is after, and I am very willing to accept any kind of a transformation of it that Mr. Luff can suggest.

Mr. Batchelder: How would it do for this Convention simply to express their opinion of the merits of the case, leaving it for the Board of Vice-Presidents to take action on it if Mr. Leve or Mr. Wolsieffer does not look at it as we do? It seems to me that would be the better way and perhaps would meet Mr. Luff's objection. I would make the motion—

The President: There is one motion already before the house.

Mr. Batchelder: I would move as a substitute for that motion that in the opinion of the members of this body Mr. Leve is in duty bound to pay that claim. If that motion is passed, Mr. President, Mr. Leve will get what he has asked for—that is, the action of this body. Mr. Leve has appealed to us, as I understand it, to protect him against Mr. Wolsieffer, and he will get some sort of a decision. If we decide with any practical unanimity that Mr. Leve is wrong, he may look at it as we do; he may not. It seems to me then it will be time for the Board of Vice-Presidents to again take up the matter. We certainly could not be accused of being harsh if we took that action, and I think, perhaps, that is all that Mr. Wolsieffer could ask at this time.

Mr. Eaton: Mr. President, I second Mr. Batchelder's substitute. Is not the time extended a little long? Our dues are payable the first of September. Thirty days would place the time beyond the date when he would pay his annual dues, and could the Board of Vice-Presidents or anybody else expel a person after he ceases to be a member? I would say in connection with this that I have also had some dealings very lately with Mr. Leve, and I happened to follow Brother Drew's advice, and after two or three exchanges I took what he sent me, for fear I would never get anything else, and scratched him off my book.

Mr. Wylie: Mr. President, I have not heard the substitute motion made by Mr. Batchelder seconded, and I am perfectly willing that the original motion should be made to conform with his idea, and that is that we recognize Mr. Wolsieffer's claim as a just one and that Mr. Leve be given thirty days in which to arrange for a settlement, failing to do which the Board of Vice-Presidents shall be instructed to strike off his name. That seems to me as mild and just a form as we can put it in.

Mr. Luff: Wouldn't you amend that to fifteen days?

Mr. Wylie: Fifteen days would be all right.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I think in that case the Secretary rather than the Board of Vice-Presidents is the proper one to strike the name from the roll, it having been referred to the Convention by the Board of Vice-Presidents.

The President: The Chair thinks that point was well taken; Mr. Wylie, there is no use in throwing it back into another Board of Vice-Presidents.

Mr. Batchelder: Mr. President, I will accept the motion in its new form, which is fifteen days, the matter to be referred to the Secretary.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I second the motion.

The President: Gentlemen, you have all heard the motion; are there any remarks?

Mr. Drew: Mr. President, there is one thing I want to say. Has a case of this sort ever come up in this Association before?

The President: That is a question the Chair is unable to answer.

Mr. Drew: If not, it is a case of first impression, and our acting creates a precedent, doesn't it?

The President: It would naturally be so considered, provided there had been no other case, which the Chair is not well enough informed of the earlier history of the Association to be able to answer.

Mr. Drew: Assuming, then, that there has been no such case, this will naturally form a precedent.

The President: Naturally.

Mr. Drew: I think we should be very careful what action we take. There are circumstances—I studied law at one time and I look at the legal point of view, and all lawyers, you know, are very anxious to defend the under dog. I myself think that Mr. Leve is just as sincere in his belief in the case as Mr. Wolsieffer is in his, and it resolves itself into a matter of opinion. Then, again, if we tell him he must settle in fifteen days, I don't know how much money he has. This Association cannot get the money out of a man who hasn't the money. If we expel him we cast the stigma of dishonesty upon him. I do not think he is a dishonest man. The fact that he has returned goods to Mr. Bartels and also returned goods to me, and has also returned the goods to Mr. Wolsieffer, it seems to me, frees him from the charge of dishonesty. I had a case two years ago, which is now forgotten, where a man pretty high up in Association circles was concerned. The circumstances were exactly the same. He had some special correspondence with me. I put it a little milder than Mr. Wolsieffer, but in his last reply he named a place to which he said I was at perfect liberty to go. All the satisfaction I got was that I disobeyed his order and didn't go. (Laughter.)

Mr. Doebelin: You have plenty of time yet. (Laughter.)

Mr. Drew: All I had to say was that this precedent which we set is bound to be followed in the future, and I look upon it with great interest.

Mr. Batchelder: I don't know that the Convention has ever acted on a case of this kind, but I do know that the Board of Vice-Presidents have on many occasions forced settlement of bills.

The President: And the Board have the privilege of referring any case that they do not wish to act on to the Convention. The understanding of the Chair is that this case would never have been referred to the Convention, but would have been decided where it originated, in the Board of Vice-Presidents, had it not been for the fact that the plaintiff in the case, Mr. Wolsieffer, was a member of that Board, and did not care for that reason to have it said, as would be, undoubtedly, by a great many, that he used his official position to influence the decision of the other two members of the Board.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, I did not understand that the motion as made required him to settle the claim within fifteen days, but make some arrangement satisfactory to Mr. Wolsieffer within fifteen days. Possibly he might be able to do that.

Mr. Batchelder: Of course any arrangement that he did make would be a settlement so far as this body is concerned. (Calls for the question.)

The President: Any further remarks, gentlemen?

You have all heard the motion, that Mr. Leve be given fifteen days in which to make satisfactory settlement, or else that his name be dropped by the Secretary. That may not be the exact language, but it covers the point.

The Secretary: To stand expelled, I have it, not dropped.

The President: Are you ready for the question? (Calls for the question.)

The question was put to vote and the result appeared to be in doubt.

The President: Under the circumstances the Chair will call for a roll-call. The motion will be voted on by each member, with his proxies. The Secretary will call the roll.

The Secretary called Mr. Bacon's name.

Mr. Bacon: Mr. President, are we obliged to vote?

The President: We cannot force a man to vote.

Mr. Batchelder's name was called and he responded "Yes."

Mr. Batchelder: Of course the man holding the proxy has a right to do as he chooses, but I would suggest that proxies be not voted at this time.

The President: We cannot rule them out; of course a man has a right to vote his proxies.

Mr. Batchelder: Yes, but I would suggest that they do not do it.

The President: The Chair will be obliged to rule that proxies will be counted if voted. We cannot compel a man to vote them.

Mr. Batchelder: I don't know whether there are any proxies submitted in my name or not, but if they are, the vote which I have just cast is a personal vote and not for any proxies which I may hold.

Mr. Bacon: I vote in favor; my proxy I do not wish to vote.

The Secretary: Mr. Rode, will you announce the number of proxies?

The Secretary: Mr. President, I will start on the list again to be sure that all names are called.

The Secretary proceeded to call the roll, and the members responded as follows:

Mr. Batchelder: Yes; personal vote only.

Mr. Bruce: (No response.)

Mr. Bacon: Yes; personal vote only.

Mr. Bartlett: Yes; personal vote.

Mr. Bartels: Yes; personal vote.

Mr. Bogert: No.

Mr. Brown: No.

Mr. Burleigh: (No response.)

Mr. Burt: Yes.

Mr. Carpenter: Yes; personal.

Mr. Champagne: (Does not vote.)

Mr. Chapman: (Absent.)

Mr. Cobe: Yes; two.

Mr. Colson: Don't put me down anything.

Mr. Curtis: No.

Mr. Deats: Yes.

Mr. Doebelin: Yes.

Mr. Drew: I do not vote.

Mr. Eaton: One vote; yes.

Mr. Herbst: (No response.)

Mr. Hetrich: Yes.

Mr. Holland: Thirty proxies and one personal; yes.

Mr. Horne: (No response.)

Mr. Ireland: No; one.

Mr. Jewett: One; yes.

Mr. J. F. Johnson: I do not wish to vote.

Mr. Kelley: (No response.)

Mr. Lombard: Yes.

Mr. Marx: No.

Mr. Legg: Not voting.

Mr. Luff: Yes; seven. I have eight, I believe, but I will only vote seven.

Mr. Martin: One proxy; not voting.

Mr. Luff: Mr. President, I would like to amend my vote. I have had more proxies come in. Eleven proxies and one personal.

Mr. McDonald: Not voting.

Mr. McGregory: Yes.

Mr. Prevost: I do not care to vote.

Mr. Putney: Yes.

Mr. Reber: (No response.)

Mr. Rich: Yes.

Mr. Rode: Yes, personal vote; decline to vote proxies.

Mr. Sebbins: No.

Mr. Sawyer: No.

Mr. Severn: Yes.

Mr. Stone: I will vote my personal vote yes. I suppose Mr. Leve's proxy is not eligible to be voted?

The President: Perfectly.

Mr. Stone: Then I will be obliged to vote that no.

Mr. Toppan: Yes.

Mr. Ward: I do not care to vote.

Mr. Wylie: One; yes.

The Secretary: Is there any member present whose name has not been called? If so, it is because he has failed to register. Mr. President, the vote as I have it is sixty-six yes, eight no.

The President: The motion is carried.

REPORTS OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The President: Mr. Secretary, has any report been received from Mr. Loy, of San Francisco?

The Secretary: Yes, I have three reports of Resident Vice-Presidents. Are you ready for them?

The President: Yes.

The Secretary read the following reports, which were severally referred to the Committee on Branch Societies:

REPORT OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The Resident Vice-President for San Francisco begs leave to report the interests of philately in a flourishing condition. The San Francisco society is the oldest, and for many years was the only one in or near the city, having been organized sixteen years; but about two years ago another was organized in Berkeley, a suburb, where several members of the older society have their residences. This young society shows a healthy growth on much the same lines as the San Francisco society, and now has a membership of about twenty-five. Nearly all are also members of the American Philatelic Association, and there has been some canvassing of the proposition to make it a branch society. The Pacific Philatelic Society, as the San Francisco society is called, held a very successful exhibition about a year ago, which attracted attention from many persons who have not been active collectors, and it is believed that a goodly number of converts were made at that time. It has now in preparation another exhibition, which will be of a much more ambitious character than the first, and its list of "Honors and Prizes," consisting of seventy classes, is exciting the interest of many persons not members. Some of the noted collections of the country are owned by our members, as the Hawaiian collection of H. J. Crocker and the fine collection of China and the treaty ports of China of A. H. Weber, both of which have been exhibited in Eastern cities and admired. Besides these the collection of unused British Colonials belonging to Frank Koenig and the collection of Western Franks owned by H. B. Phillips are well known throughout the country. The San Francisco society now has a permanent home and meeting place in the Mechanics' Institute Library, where its collection of philatelic literature may be consulted by members. The society is making efforts to increase this collection, in which they are aided by the trustees of the library.

WILLIAM E. LOY,

Resident Vice-President.

REPORT OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT FOR CHICAGO.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: My report as Resident Vice-President for Chicago and vicinity is necessarily a matter of form at this time, inasmuch as I am a member of the Membership Committee, and it will be impossible to separate my efforts in behalf of the Association from my work as a member of the Membership Committee. The report of the Chairman of the Membership Committee covers all of the details which ordinarily would be included in the report of the Resident Vice-President.

Very respectfully,

A. F. MERELL,

Resident Vice-President.

Chicago, Ill., August 11th, 1902.

REPORT OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT FOR MINNEAPOLIS.

August 11, 1902.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association, Greeting:

Your Resident Vice-President for Minnesota regrets that he has little to report for the work done the past year. In common with most other cities, comparatively few matters of philatelic interest have occurred the past year.

Your Vice-President has endeavored to transact the routine business which would naturally fall to his lot, and has at all times had the best interests of the Association at heart. Reference to the files of our official organ will show that three applications for membership have been published from our locality, all of which were secured by the writer. An effort has been made to secure as members only those who were collecting seriously and whose membership in the Society increases its efficiency.

We are endeavoring to secure the names of other business and professional men as members, and hope to have the pleasure of securing several in the near future.

With best wishes for the continued prosperity of the Association,

Respectfully submitted,

EBEN S. MARTIN,
Resident Vice-President for Minnesota.

COMPLAINTS BY MR. C. F. RICHARDS.

The President: Is there anything in the nature of new business that was not brought up yesterday?

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, on behalf of Mr. C. F. Richards, of New York, I would like to give notice of a matter that Mr. Richards has submitted to me. He requested me to offer a resolution requiring the Board of Vice-Presidents to investigate the conduct of a certain member of this Association, concerning which certain charges have been published in one of the philatelic periodicals, a copy of which comes with the letter, and if, after investigation, their judgment is that it will be a benefit to the Association, they shall expel him from membership. I would like to ask that this letter be referred to the Board of Vice-Presidents for action. I bring this up in this way in order that it may appear on the records to have been done in an open manner. I move that this matter be referred to the new Board of Vice-Presidents for their consideration.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland, and was put to vote and was carried.

SALES AND PURCHASING DEPARTMENT—OLD CLAIMS.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, there was one matter that I brought up at the last Convention that I have heard nothing from as yet, and that was in reference to the report of Mr. Tuttle as the previous Superintendent of Sales, who reported that he had paid from the insurance fund claims of members which he could not collect. At that time I was told by one of the members of the Board of Vice-Presidents living in Chicago—Mr. Wolsieffer—the names of one or two of the members for whom Mr. Tuttle had paid the Association's money to settle their accounts. One of the gentlemen whom he mentioned I know is as well able to settle his own accounts as anyone here, and I made the motion at that time, which was carried by the Convention, that Mr. Tuttle be instructed to give the Collecting Agent the names of all these parties and that the Collecting Agent should endeavor to collect them. I have heard nothing in his report concerning it, and I don't know whether it has been done or not. I think one amount was in the neighborhood of fifty dollars, and the man is well able to pay it. He has since been suspended from the Association for the non-payment of dues, but I understand he is ready and willing to come back.

The Secretary: Mr. President, it is possibly my fault that the matter was not directly brought to the attention of the Board of Vice-Presidents. As the matter was in their hands and was referred back to them at that time—that is, the Chicago Board—I did not think it necessary to call their attention to it in a direct and formal letter. I told Mr. Tuttle and also wrote him that the Board of Vice-Presidents would want the items in his account showing who had received moneys from the insurance fund, and he promised to make out that list and send it to them. So far as I remember, that is all that I did regarding it.

Mr. Severn: Mr. President, Mr. Carpenter says that the matter was referred to the Collecting Agent rather than the Board of Vice-Presidents. The Year Book of last year, I think, will show that such was the case.

The President: That was the way the motion stood.

The Secretary: Mr. President, Mr. Tuttle requested me to return to him his bond for \$20,000 as Superintendent of Sales, and on a previous ruling I told him that I could not do it without the order of the Board of Vice-Presidents, and the Board of Vice-Presidents, I believe—I have forgotten as to whether they refused to order it done until this matter of the insurance fund was settled, or whether they said they had no authority, or did not do anything about it. I don't remember as to that, but at any rate the bonds are still in my safe.

Mr. Severn: Mr. President, the Board of Vice-Presidents did not feel that it would be well to have this bond returned until all cases in which Mr. Tuttle was involved were settled, and the Board succeeded a few weeks ago in adjusting a claim against Mr. Tuttle, and I suppose the new Board will be the proper body to order the bond returned.

Mr. Carpenter: The motion made was, "That Mr. Tuttle be requested to give the names of all persons whose accounts have been paid from the insurance fund, and that such accounts be placed in the hands of the Collecting Agent." The motion really asked no one in particular to give it. I supposed at that time that the Board of Vice-Presidents would do it after my talk with Mr. Wolsieffer. Mr. Severn says that it never came before that Board. It seems as though it were not too late now to recover that money which we have paid, and it ought to be attended to before the claims expire by limitation, the way one or two other claims did in the hands of our former Collecting Agent. I would make a new motion, Mr. President, that the Secretary be instructed to obtain from Mr. Tuttle the names of all persons for whom he paid claims from the insurance fund, and that these claims be given to the Collecting Agent.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Cobe and carried unanimously.

TIME LIMIT ON CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, on behalf of Mr. Booleman, one of our members in Amsterdam, Holland, I am instructed to propose to the Convention that they fix a limit to the time for the circulation of stamps in the exchange department. He complains that his books that he sends in are in circulation a very long time, of which he gives some examples. I would ask that this be referred to the Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department or to the Committee on By-Laws, whichever would be proper.

Mr. Cobe: I will second the motion.

The question was put to vote and the motion was carried.

INDEX OF PHILATELIC PERIODICALS.

Mr. Ireland: Mr. President, one of the chief difficulties that I have found when I have been trying to get new members for the Association is the lack of permanent work to be accomplished; and I move that a committee be appointed by the Association to undertake some sort of a philatelic Poole's index. We cannot undertake the whole thing at once, and we cannot work at it at all successfully unless all the members will co-operate; but if we can get some men who are interested and who are willing to work on it at the start in a very modest way, with a list from the files in their possession of articles on special countries, special stamps and new issues and varieties and discoveries, it would be a very useful thing for the Association to publish. It would be an advertisement of work which we have accomplished, and it would be something that the members would appreciate as time goes on. If we begin now and distribute the work properly among different members who have files, I think it can be done without a great deal of labor on any one man's part, and a committee should be appointed to supervise it who understands the work. I move that a committee of three be appointed for that purpose.

Mr. Holland: Mr. President, I second that motion. I think it is a very good thing. We ought to do something, and I will be very glad to do whatever I can to help the committee.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, it seems to me that work is directly along the line which the Committee on Philatelic Literature has been doing, although I regret to say that the Committee on Philatelic Literature has not accomplished anything along that particular line as yet. A start has been made on it. Anyone who has undertaken a share of the work knows that it is hard work and slow work.

Mr. Ireland: Mr. President, I understood that there was a committee already which had jurisdiction of the matter, but I understood also, as Mr. Deats remarked, that they had not made much progress. My idea was to have a new committee with this special purpose in mind to be able to undertake more active measures.

The President: Are there any further remarks?

Mr. Wylie: I am perfectly willing to vote for this motion if it can be shown wherein we are to profit by it. If it is to be merely the creation of another committee that will serve as a figurehead, why, it will be useless for us to attempt any such work. It seems to me as if this committee to which Mr. Deats refers, if it could be made up during the coming year of the proper membership, would carry along just the work which Mr. Ireland has outlined for the committee he suggests. I cannot see wherein the virtue will come from our having a second committee, made up, perhaps, not very unlike the make-up of the Committee on Philatelic Literature. It seems to me as though the time had come for our organization to put itself upon a plane on which some of our other national organizations are acting in the matter of putting into the philatelic world literary works which will entitle us or which will place us where we belong. As an organization we ought to do that. We have the brains, we have the talent to do it, and it looks to me as if the time was ripe. It seems to me as if the better way would be for us, by means of this discussion here this morning, to impress upon the minds of the Committee on Philatelic Literature that we desire that committee to go ahead and do this work. I have no voice of opposition to Mr. Ireland's motion if it can be shown that we are to gain anything by adopting it. I do not see how we can.

Mr. Batchelder: It seems to me the idea is a most excellent one; if it can be carried out, it will be a grand thing. If we leave it in the hands of the Committee on Philatelic Literature, they probably could not devote as much time to that one object as a special committee could; if we could appoint a committee, a working committee, we would get more real results from that committee than almost any line of work that could be adopted by this body. I hope that the motion will prevail and that a rattling good working committee will be appointed.

Mr. Luff: Mr. President, I understand that the Literature Committee think that they have something to do already without getting up a philatelic index. I have once or twice made a little attempt to go through a small library to get out some references on certain countries, things that I wanted to look up for a short article I wanted to write, and I have found that even a hasty search, not very thorough, involved a good deal of work. If we propose to get up anything that is going to be a matter of credit to us, a real, genuine philatelic index, a thing that is very much needed by writers and people who want to look up such subjects, you have a great piece of work in front of you. I think it will be a very valuable thing if it is ever carried out, and I think it will be of more value than for somebody to sit down and try to write a book. Writing books is hard work; the subjects are pretty well used up as far as I can find out. It is a pretty thankless task, and it will mean a nice little financial loss. I don't know of anybody who has succeeded in publishing work without loss, except the London Philatelic Society.

Mr. Rich: Ask for an appropriation of three thousand dollars to go along.

Mr. Luff: Yes, I think that would be about the right figure—three thousand dollars to start on. I would like to suggest that I think the Literary Committee have enough to do and that you ought to have a special committee for this purpose. If you want to include the membership of the Committee on Philatelic Literature, well and good; but you should have a large committee—six or eight—with power to add to their number. You will want to take

in every man that can read a book and turn over pages and make indexes, then you won't get any too much help, gentlemen.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I have had a good deal to do with indexing. To a few of you who were at my house last night I showed my indexes. They are based upon the very excellent indexes of Mr. Stanton, of Detroit, published in his little paper and afterwards in a few numbers of "McKeel's Weekly." I am sorry to say that they have discontinued publishing it. I have had those copied on cards and have about four thousand entries. I have found that little index, which does not cover more than two years, a great help to me very often. Something will come up, and I wonder where I can learn about it; I turn to my index, and there I will find at least one or two articles under almost any country. If that can be carried out—we need not take all the papers; most of them are not worth indexing; but a few papers in the English language even—twenty papers well indexed would be worth a good deal. We would probably sell as many as—oh, fifty copies. (Laughter.)

Mr. Luff: A liberal estimate, Mr. Stone.

Mr. Rich: Mr. Stone, it would cost one hundred dollars to put that into type.

No further remarks being made, the motion was put to vote and carried.

STOCK FUND.

Mr. Eaton: Mr. President, there is another matter that has been brought up in my correspondence with different members of the Association, that is, regarding the stock fund. There seem to be quite a number who do not understand why our stock fund should be accumulating, even if it is drawing interest. What good is it doing anyone or what good will it do hereafter? It seems to me something should be done to utilize this in some way or reduce the fund. And I have not been able to explain matters to them.

The President: In the understanding of the Chair, Mr. Eaton, the officers are simply waiting for the membership to dwindle away, and then they are going to divide that among themselves. (Laughter.)

Mr. Deats: The matter has been discussed at different times in the past, and the general opinion was that it was well to accumulate a surplus if we could do it in such an easy manner as letting the stock fund grow against the time when some money might be needed and it would be difficult to raise it in any way. As it looks now, our insurance fund is assuming comfortable proportions, showing that we did a proper thing in conforming to Mr. Smith's desire last year to have the insurance rate reduced to one-half of one per cent., for our insurance fund has increased even at that low rate, and there have been no kicks from the members. I am opposed to using at present any of that stock fund. We have part of it out at interest, and we are getting a small income from it, and we are putting that into the general fund and using it. I think that that is sufficient for the present.

The President: Is there anything further, gentlemen? Has any member any other matter of new business? If not, the Chair will call for the report of the Committee on Standing Rules—Mr. Prevost, Chairman.

Mr. Holland: Mr. Luff has some new business.

APPROPRIATION FOR INDEXING COMMITTEE.

Mr. Luff: Mr. President, may I have a moment? I think that we have gone ahead to a certain point and have not gone quite far enough. It has been the opinion of the Convention that we should appoint a committee to prepare an index, but we have not given those gentlemen, when appointed, anything to work with. I do not think a committee of that character can work without an appropriation to buy cards and pay postage and do a variety of other things; and, if it is in order, I would like to make the motion that an initial appropriation of two hundred dollars be devoted to that purpose.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I will second that motion, and would also like to inquire for what particular portion of the work Mr. Luff expects the two hundred dollars to be used.

Mr. Luff: I am not prepared to say what that committee will find they need, but I never knew a committee yet that did not need money and did not need more than they could get. I think they will find ample need for spending that money and will come around and ask for more. There will be cards and postage and other things, and we will trust the President that is to be will appoint a committee that won't boodle more than three-quarters of it. (Laughter.)

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, the reason I inquired was because, as will be seen by our Treasurer's report, we have come out this year with only a small balance of twenty odd dollars in the treasury, and the expenses of the coming year, so far as we can tell, will run along about the same as they were last year, so far as any appropriations yet made at this Convention are concerned. If we appropriate two hundred dollars, it will probaly be impossible for us to have it from the general fund, and it will be necessary to go to some other place to get it, and I think it will be well to leave this matter until we see what other appropriations are needed. We need an appropriation for printing the Year Book and for the Official Journal and for Miscellaneous expenses, and that takes up, from a membership of five or six hundred, pretty nearly all the income from the dues.

Mr. Doebelin: Mr. President, if the committee is appointed, I do not think it is necessary to appropriate two hundred dollars. Let the committee put in its bills when it has spent the money next year and we will pay it. (Laughter.)

Mr. Luff: Mr. President, I should be glad to have you accept Mr. Doebelin's motion, if you will appoint him treasurer of that committee. (Laughter.)

Mr. Doebelin: Excuse me; I am on a committee of that kind in the Twin City Philatelic Society for the last five years. We didn't spend a cent yet. (Laughter.)

The President: Any further remarks, gentlemen? The question is on the appropriation of two hundred dollars.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, In view of the remarks that I have just made, I would move that this matter be postponed until to-morrow, with a view of considering any matters which may come up requiring the expenditure of money and which may be more important, temporarily, than this.

Mr. Burt: I second the motion to postpone.

The motion to postpone was put to vote and carried, and the matter was declared postponed until the next day.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES.

The President: Is there any further new business before we go on with the report of committees now? Gentlemen, if there is anything to come up, now is the time for it. The Chair will call for the report of the Committee on Standing Rules.

Mr. Prevost: The committee has carefully gone over the rules, and recommends that they be continued the same as last year. I was not present myself at the meeting, and Mr. Legg has done this work.

Mr. Holland: I move that the report be accepted.

The motion was seconded.

The President: It is moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Unless objection is made, it will so stand. And in that connection the Chair will ask the committee where they unearthed the rules of the former Conventions. He has tried it for five years and never has found a record of any. (Laughter.)

Mr. Prevost: I have let myself out of the box by saying that I was not there.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Mr. Deats, for the Committee on Finance, read the following report:

The Committee on Finance have attended to their duties and have examined the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Librarian, Superintendent of Sales, International Secretary, Membership Committee and Resident Vice-President for Boston, and find the

same to be correct, all reports being accompanied by vouchers for payment and for cash on hand. We would recommend that the Membership Committee consist of three members, as at present, and that the balance turned in by the preceding committee to the Secretary be placed at the disposal of the new committee for necessary expenses. We would also recommend that the International Secretary be authorized to renew our subscription to the "Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt."

E. M. CARPENTER,
R. R. BOGERT,
GORDON IRELAND.

The President: You have heard the report of the Finance Committee; what is your pleasure?

Mr. Stone: I move it be received and accepted.

Mr. Ireland: Mr. President, before that is voted on, there is some thirty-four dollars left over from the Membership Committee last year that may possibly be disposed of by action of this report in a way that we cannot rescind later; perhaps we shall want to get at the Library Committee to-morrow. If we can except disposing of that thirty-four dollars from the accepting of the report, perhaps we can do something with the money to-morrow. As the matter stands at present, the money is sent back to the next Membership Committee, to expend in the way the previous committee has been doing—on leaflets, postage and so forth.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, inasmuch as that money was contributed by individuals for the express purpose of obtaining members, I think it would be unfair to devote it to any other purpose.

The question was put to vote on the acceptance of the report, and the motion to accept was carried.

The President: Report of the Committee on Library.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, the committee is not yet ready to report. We waited, hoping to receive the report of the Librarian, which will probably not reach us, because, as I understand, Mr. Anderson is out of the city.

The President: Report of the Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department—Mr. Johnson.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SALES AND PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

Mr. President and Gentlemen:

In auditing a set of books, the committee should be provided with the various books, papers, vouchers, etc., connected with the business, but in this case, after the books of stamps have been retired the transaction is closed, and all that we really need are the books that remain on hand, so as to enable us to note that they are correctly listed, and to check off the amount of sales from the same; but from the nature of the business more or less of the books are liable to be out on a circuit, and so it is out of the question to have them on hand to verify the report. You have placed in our hands papers stating the number and value of books on hand at the time of the last report, also the number and value of the books received since that time, also the amount of sales during the year, also a list of the owners of and the value of the books on hand at the present time, and we find that the various footings of same are correct; but as we cannot check off the various items, we can only say that to the best of our knowledge and belief that the report as submitted is correct; but we suggest that it would be an improvement if the report of the Sales Superintendent were given more in detail.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. JOHNSON,
J. M. BARTELS,
JOS. S. RICH.

The President: Gentlemen, you have heard the report; what is your pleasure thereon? The Chair would suggest there that a motion to accept the report of the committee would be in order, and also that it might be a good idea, in view of the retirement of the present superintendent of the department, that a committee be appointed to attend to the final closing up of the accounts of the old management, practically a Committee on the Sales and Purchasing Department; but not the present committee, for the reason that two of the mem-

bers are Boston men, one of whom is a candidate for the office, and the other a New York man, which makes it hard to get together.

Mr. Batchelder: I would move that a special committee be appointed from Chicago——

The President: Mr. Batchelder, the report should be accepted first.

Mr. Ireland: Mr. President, I move that the report be accepted.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Batchelder: Mr. President, I move that a special committee be appointed as near as possible to or in such location as may be found advisable, to confer with Mr. Smith, the retiring superintendent, and audit his accounts upon his turning them over to his successor, whoever he may be, and report to the society, through the Secretary, the result of their findings

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I will second that motion. I would like to inquire what records are to be turned over to his successor. His books must all be balanced, and a new superintendent will have new ideas as to methods and cannot use any of his old blank-books; only the approval-books can be used. The old record, if turned over to anyone, should be turned over to the Assistant Librarian, to be preserved, after they have been audited and are done with, simply to be kept in case any claims should come up in the future.

The President: The Chair will state that it is his judgment that it would be more satisfactory for both the retiring and the incoming superintendent to feel that everything was all right and had been duly audited. That was the idea of appointing the special committee; not that we are casting any slight or anything of that kind upon either the outgoing superintendent or whoever may be the incoming, but it is business.

Mr. Batchelder: Should any question arise between the retiring and the incoming superintendent, the committee could decide just what the state of affairs was and report, while the two individuals might not wholly agree.

The President: You have heard the motion, gentlemen, that a committee be appointed to make a final settlement and adjustment of the account. Are there any further remarks?

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The President: The Chair will announce the committee later.

Report of Committee upon Official Journal—Mr. Stone.

Mr. Stone read the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

The committee have received but one tender for the ensuing year, that of W. W. Jewett offering the "Weekly Philatelic Era" upon the same terms and conditions as heretofore, and we therefore recommend its acceptance.

WM. C. STONE, *Chairman*,
W. O. WYLIE,
C. E. SEVERN.

Mr. Carpenter: I move the report be accepted, Mr. President, and the recommendations adopted.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The President: Report of the Committee on Branch Societies—Mr. Eben S. Martin.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Mr. Hetrich, in the absence of the chairman of the committee, read the following report:

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., August 13, 1902.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Branch Societies appointed by the President beg leave to present their report.

The committee, after reading the various reports of the Resident Vice-Presidents of Branch Societies, cannot fail to note the similarity of these annual reports as they are read from year to year, for, with few exceptions, the sum of all the reports is "nothing done." Why should this state of affairs exist in an Association of a national character? We are

safe in saying that throughout these United States there are at least 100,000 collectors of stamps, and yet our National Association consists of less than 600 members. This is food for reflection for any member who has the best interests of the Association at heart. In reading the reports this year, we find that only two branch societies met with any regularity. All the reports admit that their efforts to increase the membership of the Association have signally failed, notwithstanding that these branch societies have been in existence at least twelve years.

We respectfully recommend the suggestion embodied in the report of the Resident Vice-President for Boston, and move that the branch societies be abolished, and in their place the formation of local societies be encouraged, and recommend its adoption, with the expectation that this motion will bring forth a thorough discussion by the members of the Association of this much vexed question.

Under Section 4, Article XI, the privilege is given to local branches to acquire and hold one share of the capital stock of the Association for every ten members of such branches, and we move that the above privilege be extended to any local stamp society or club, and recommend its adoption.

Very respectfully yours,

GEORGE HETRICH,
J. DELANO BARTLETT,
EBEN S. MARTIN.

Mr. Hetrich: I wish to correct one statement. I see the San Francisco Branch Society claims an existence of sixteen years, according to their report which has just been received this morning.

The President: Gentlemen, you have heard the report; what is your pleasure?

Mr. Bartels: I move the report be accepted, Mr. President.

The motion was seconded.

The President: It has been moved and seconded that the report be accepted. Are there any remarks? Gentlemen, you understand that the motion only disposes of the acceptance; it has nothing to do with the recommendation. If there are no remarks, the Chair will put the question.

(Putting the question.) It is a vote. It seems to the Chair that a motion to refer the recommendations possibly to the Committee on By-Laws would be advisable.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I move that it be referred to the Committee on By-Laws; then the matter can come up for discussion when the report of that committee is submitted at the session to-morrow.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Doebelin.

The President: Are there any remarks, gentlemen? If there are no objections, it will so stand.

The other two committees from whom we have not heard—By-Laws and Resolutions—are not prepared to report.

Thinking that the business of the morning session to-day would take more time, we purposely deferred action on several matters that we knew would be elucidated to-day to some extent. Unless there is some other new business, it is a good time to move an adjournment until to-morrow morning.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, if there is no business, the Committee on Arrangements have one or two little items. First, about the photograph; many of you have seen it; if you have not, Mr. Prevost has samples of four of them; they can be ordered of him; they will cost you seventy-five cents apiece, postage paid. We hope to have some ready for delivery by to-morrow; others can be sent by mail, or, where there is any large quantity, we can send them by express to some one address.

Mr. Carpenter: Are they to be prepaid by the Springfield pre-cancelled stamp?

A voice: Inverts.

Mr. Stone: The trolley ride this afternoon will be to Forest Park. This park is located about two miles south of the city. It originated by a gift from C. H. Greenleaf, one of our wealthy paper makers, and has since been added to by other gifts and small purchases. Mr.

Everett Barney, of the skate manufacturing firm of Barney & Berry, presented to the park some years ago his entire property adjoining the park, bordering on the river, only retaining the use of the property during his lifetime. He is an enthusiast on pond lilies, and has a number of very fine lily ponds there, and the grounds are very tastefully decorated. The park contains about four hundred acres, being about half the size of Central Park. We shall take the cars at Court Square, where we took the trolley for Mount Tom yesterday, at half past two. I think that will give you ample time for lunch. We shall go to the lower entrance of the park near the Barney estate, giving you a chance to walk up and see the lily ponds, going through to the main park itself, and then members will be at liberty to return to the city on any car they choose. Tickets will be provided to bring you back. Cars run very frequently, so that you can spend as much or as little time as you wish there, enjoying yourselves in the park.

This evening, in the Y. M. C. A. Building, as most of you are aware, there is to be an auction sale of stamps. The building is on State street, the street which we came up to the meeting, at the corner of the second street below here, Dwight street. The sale will be at 8:45 P. M.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Mr. Wylie: Mr. President, in view of the fact that we have finished our business so early and there seems to be nothing else for us to do, I would like to ask whether it would be possible for us to either adopt or reject the recommendations of the Committee on Branch Societies, and then the Committee on By-Laws would know what to do. For instance, if we either adopt or reject those two recommendations, the committee can then bring in the proper amendment. Why wouldn't it be possible for us to dispose of that item of business, and then to-morrow we would merely have to go through perfunctory details of their work. The arguments could be made this morning and dispensed with to-morrow morning.

The President: You can put that in the form of a motion, Mr. Wylie.

Mr. Wylie: I move that we take up the report of the Committee on Branch Societies.

Mr. Cobe: I second the motion.

The question was stated by the Chair.

Mr. Wylie: I don't know whether I am in favor of it or not, but I will move that we adopt the first recommendation of the committee.

The President: The Chair would like to ask the Secretary to read the first recommendation.

The Secretary read as follows:

"We respectfully recommend the suggestion embodied in the report of the Resident Vice-President for Boston, and move that branch societies be abolished, and that in their place the formation of local societies be encouraged."

The President: Gentlemen, you have all heard the motion; are there any remarks? It seems to me that is a subject of somewhat vital importance.

Mr. Batchelder: I would like to ask for the names of the active branch societies.

The Secretary: Chicago, San Francisco, Boston—

Mr. Batchelder: Oh—

The Secretary: No, New York, Pittsburg; St. Paul is still on the list, but there are no reports. There are only four—San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Pittsburg. New York has held no meetings for two years, although they would come together if there was an urgent necessity for it.

Mr. Luff: If there was a fight on we would have a meeting.

Mr. Batchelder: Then there are practically three.

The Secretary: Practically three.

Mr. Batchelder: Do the Pittsburg societies hold meetings regularly?

Mr. Rode: Yes, we have four regular meetings a year. Mr. President, the branch societies hold stock. Can they be expelled or kicked out in this way?

The President: That is a question that is to be decided here; it is up for discussion.

Mr. Bartlett: Mr. President, I think we incorporated in our second recommendation that local clubs could have the same privileges that branch societies have at the present time—to hold one share of stock. That would cover the point made by Mr. Rode, I think.

Mr. Martin: Mr. President, it seems to me that the matter of branch societies and advertising the Association in many ways has been somewhat neglected in past years. I do not know what the reason for it is, but with most national organizations a great deal of energy and considerable money is spent in bringing to those who would be most apt to be interested in it the actual benefits of the organization. I do not mean to criticise, but it seems to me that we have not been as much alive to interesting others in the Association as we should have been, in past years, and is not the local branch society of a national organization the proper means to bring to the attention of the philatelists residing, say in the far West, the benefits to be derived from membership? It strikes me that it is. It seems to me that it is unwise to do anything that would lessen the interest of others in this Association. I don't know that the matter is properly brought to their attention by the societies existing on paper as branches; I am afraid that it is not. But it does strike me that we ought to take some very positive action in this matter at this Convention. There was an effort made at the last Convention to bring the matter to a focus, but nothing seems to have been done about it. Possibly the offer that I made at that time was misunderstood. I am sorry that it was. I am in favor, in one sense, of the report of this committee, but I have not thought about it sufficiently to know whether it is the best way out of the difficulty. We organized last year a local society in Minneapolis, and at that time I tried very hard to have them affiliate with the parent organization. The only objection they raised was that it was adding to the expense each year without bringing to them any benefit, and, try as hard as I could, I could not convince them that it was advisable to join the parent organization. Now, if we could follow some method that would show people that it means something to belong to the Association, I am sure that we should have flourishing branch societies; but until we, as a parent organization, show that it is worth while to belong to it, we cannot do that. My remarks are incoherent, because I did not expect to say anything at this time. I feel very deeply on the subject, and it seems to me that we ought to take some positive action, and not shirk our responsibility in the matter, because there certainly is a responsibility that we have not fully met.

Mr. Hettrich: Mr. President, as a member of that committee, I wish to state that those recommendations were rather incorporated in our report to bring out a full and complete discussion of this question, not that I am personally in favor of those recommendations or that I have a personal interest in it. I think there is not a member who does not feel that our Association should at least increase at a little more rapid rate yearly than it has so far. Just to think that there are at least over one hundred thousand collectors of stamps in this land, and we have a National Association of only a little over five hundred members! Now, then, there certainly must be a reason for it. There must be a cause. I should think that stamp collectors would be willing to flock into this Association if only it was brought before the stamp collecting public. What we want is to devise some means by which we can put before the general stamp collecting public the benefit, the propriety, the real necessity for them to belong to this Association. As far as I know personally, I do not care how you arrive at those results. We simply incorporated those recommendations to bring out a more thorough and a more full discussion of this question. I thought surely if anything would be an incentive to increase the branch societies and bring out better work from the branch societies this year, it was the generous offer of Mr. Martin last year at Buffalo. And yet what has it resulted in? I do not think a dollar of his offer has been utilized. I don't know; Mr. Martin can speak more fully about that, I presume, but I should think that was the case. Now, there simply must be a reason. I am not such an old member of the Association, and there may be members here who will be able to fathom this question. But there certainly is a cause, and what we want is to eliminate the cause and let the Association grow a little more rapidly. Possibly we all say a healthy growth is slow, but here is an organization that has been in existence at least sixteen years, and at one time had far more members

than it has at present. Now, what is the reason? What is the cause? Let us get at that and remove it.

Mr. Bartlett: Mr. President, I am a member of that committee, and it was at my suggestion that that recommendation was placed in the report, for I think it would have a tendency toward the increase of membership. The branch societies, so far as I can see, are a back number. They make no progress whatever. I believe Mr. Rode, of Pittsburg, will state also that the flourishing organization in Pittsburg is the Twin City Philatelic Society. It is the only live society there. The branch society, of course, holds regular meetings and has a little life in it—life more than the ordinary branch society. But now if we have a club, a branch society throws out all the collectors that are not members of the National Association. If we have a stamp club or a stamp organization, any person can join. There are amateurs who do not feel like joining the national organization because they do not know what it means; they do not know the benefits or anything of the kind, but after they have been in the stamp club and seen other members receiving benefits from the national organization, it is like a training school and eventually it will bring them into the national organization. The question of expense which Brother Martin mentioned of course is a reason which we cannot approach to outsiders, because they will say that there is an expense there from which they do not know that they are getting any benefit. But when it comes to finding out what benefits they get from the Association, they will come in. And I think if you take the second recommendation which is there, and grant the club the right to hold stock in the National Association, it will create an interest in that line as well.

Mr. Lombard: Mr. President, I do not think that I quite grasp the situation, but it looks to me as if it would help the local stamp societies and not really benefit the national society. I think you all know that I would not do anything to hold back a local society; I would do anything I could to help the Boston society along. But I do not want to do it by hurting the national society. I do not think I fully grasp the idea of what is intended.

Mr. Doebelin: Mr. President, two members of the committee have talked about their report, and they say they do not believe themselves in their report that they have made. But they put it down for us to decide upon. I guess I have brought in a good many members in the fourteen years that I have been a member of this Association, and a good many of them have dropped out again. It is the same with the most of the members of the society as with collectors. You see every year ten thousand new collectors in the United States and ten thousand drop out again. What is the use? Why do we make so much fuss about getting an Association with two thousand members? What good will it do? Come to Springfield and eat Springfield poor? (Laughter.) But you see the old members—there are members of fifteen and fourteen and twelve years ago who are still here with us. The young members that we have brought in have dropped out in a year; only a few stay with us. We are getting along nicely. We have more money than we want—everybody wants that stock money; everybody wants to lay his hands on it. We are doing the best we can and we are progressing. We are doing good work. I do not see any, but I think we are. (Laughter.) And my friend Mr. Bartlett said he cannot tell the members what benefit we have. We have plenty of benefits and the branch societies are a big benefit to the members. I will only give you a little illustration. We have fifteen members. We get as a branch the exchange books and sales books there. We pay about fifty cents a year dues and we get books; whether we want anything or not, we get them; whether we find anything in them or not, we get them. We have not personally a cent of expense; the branch pays the postage or expressage. We look through the books; we find something in the books or we don't find anything; in either case we have no expense about it. But if we were getting books individually, it would cost a member about fifty cents about every time he received a package of books. If we want to get members in, get them in that way. Don't say we are writing big books; we will leave that for Mr. Luff; he writes enough books. Just work as we did years ago. Bring in members and tell them the exchange department is the big thing; that is the benefit. By having a branch there is no expense on postage or expressage for exchange books. That will catch everybody. I did a good deal of work in that direction and I succeeded. Some collectors say that this is for the small dealers. As soon as they see in the "Era" a new name, they

will send them circulars and send them very fine approval sheets for sixty-nine cents or forty-eight cents; if you take them all you can have them for twenty-five cents. Such people don't like that. I brought in Mr. E. L. Porter last year. He has a very fine collection, a good collection, and collects only the best of stamps, and he told me that he received over twelve sheets, all of which amounted to only \$6.18. He had to send them back, and paid twelve cents postage, I think he told me. Just stick to the branch societies; they are good enough; they are all right. If the city wants a branch society, let it have it. Don't come and say, "You musn't have a branch society." We like our branch society. It don't give us much trouble. We meet four times a year. It only takes about ten minutes every meeting.

Mr. Rode: We are through at ten o'clock sure.

Mr. Doebelin: I am not through yet. Then I don't think the branch societies can be abolished. We are stockholders. If any of the members want to throw us out, we would like to see how you can do it, if we behave ourselves, and we do very nicely. We keep our share of stock and we are a branch society. You can't throw us out.

The President: The Chair would suggest that from the turn of Mr. Doebelin's compliments he evidently thought Mr. Lombard was suggesting to throw him out. (Laughter.)

Mr. Carpenter: We have had the discussion which Mr. Wylie wanted, and the matter has once been referred to the Committee on By-Laws, and the Committee on By-Laws have some idea what the members think of it. I therefore move that the matter be laid on the table—Mr. Wylie's motion—until after the report of the Committee on By-Laws.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Cobe and put to vote.

The President: The Chair being undecided will have to call for a rising vote. All those in favor of the motion to table until to-morrow will rise.

(A number of members rose.) Be seated; those against.

Mr. Wylie: Mr. Carpenter made a motion which we could not debate, so that is where he has us.

The President: That is it exactly. It is carried by a vote of twenty-one to seven.

Mr. Wylie: Mr. President, we wanted to settle that to-day so that we wouldn't have any debate to-morrow. Now, Mr. Carpenter will get another debate to-morrow.

The President: The Chair recognizes the fact that the motion was not debatable. It has to stand on its merits. There is nothing left now but a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Rode: Mr. President, there is another recommendation in that report.

The President: The whole report has been tabled.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, I move we adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9:30.

The motion was carried, and the Convention thereupon adjourned.

THIRD SESSION: Thursday, August 14, 1902.

The Convention met at 10 A. M., the President in the chair.

The President: The first thing this morning, gentlemen, will be the final report of the Committee on Credentials.

Mr. Wylie read the following report:

FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., August 14, 1902.

Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

Your committee beg leave to report three additional proxies:

D. T. Eaton,	2
W. C. Stone,	1
Mr. E. M. Carpenter transfers his proxies, numbering twenty, to Mr. A. W. Batchelder.	

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD O. WYLIE,
GEO. W. RODE,
J. DELANO BARTLETT,
JOHN N. LUFF,
D. T. EATON.

Mr. Colson: I move that the report be accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr. Holland: Second the motion.

Mr. Luff: "With thanks," please. I am on that committee.

Mr. Colson: All right, with thanks.

The motion was put and carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS ELECTED.

The Secretary announced that the Board of Directors met yesterday after the adjournment of the Convention, five of the Directors being present, at which time the following officers were unanimously elected: Alexander Holland, President; Frank H. Burt, Gordon Ireland and J. F. Johnson, Vice-Presidents; C. L. Annan, Treasurer; H. G. Smith, Secretary; E. Doebelin, International Secretary. The resignation of H. G. Smith as Director and Secretary was received, and H. E. Deats was elected a Director and Secretary to succeed him.

The following appointive officers were then elected: Resident Vice-Presidents, Boston, Mass., J. F. Johnson; San Francisco, Cal., W. E. Loy; New York City, W. F. Gregory; Pittsburg, Pa., E. Doebelin; Chicago, Ill., A. F. Merell; Minneapolis, Minn., Eben S. Martin; Librarian, E. H. Anderson; Collecting Agent, H. D. Watson; Assistant Librarian, H. E. Deats; Auction Purchasing Agent, W. F. Gregory; Auction Purchasing Agent, P. M. Wolsieffer; Auction Purchasing Agent, A. W. Batchelder.

The President: The report of the Committee on By-Laws—Mr. Deats.

Mr. Deats read the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., August 13, 1902.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

Your committee would respectfully recommend the following changes in the By-Laws: Article II, Section 2. Strike out the words, "giving notice of their intention to do so in the Official Journal."

Article VII, Section 1. Strike out the words, "A Counterfeit Detector."

Article VII, Section 2. Strike out the words, "A Committee on Philatelic Aids and Appliances," and insert "An Expert Committee."

Article VII, Section 7. Strike out the entire section, and substitute therefor the following: "Expert Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to pronounce upon the authenticity of any stamp submitted for their opinion. They shall return to the sender a certificate of their findings in each case, the same to bear a photograph of the stamp in question and to be signed by all members of the committee.

"For the examination of each stamp the committee shall receive the sum of..... This amount must accompany each stamp so submitted."

Your committee have also carefully considered the recommendations of the Committee upon Branch Societies, and are of the opinion that no change in the laws governing them are advisable at present.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. L. TOPPAN,
H. E. DEATS,
ALEX. HOLLAND,
W. C. STONE,
Committee.

After reading the proposed new draft of Article VII, Section 7, Mr. Deats said:

We have not filled in the amount to be paid for the services.

Mr. Ireland: I move that the report be accepted and that we proceed to consider the recommendations by sections.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Holland.

The President: You have all heard the suggestion, gentlemen. If there are no objections, it will so stand.

Mr. Deats (reading): "Article II, Section 2. Strike out the words in the last section of that paragraph, 'giving notice of their intention to do so in the Official Journal.'"

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the recommendation.

Mr. Holland: Second it.

The President: It is moved and seconded that the recommendation be adopted. Are there any remarks? The Chair is of the opinion that a few words in explanation of that change would not be out of place. The question bears entirely upon the right of the Board of Vice-Presidents to refer to the Convention cases which they do not care to adjudicate. The work of the Board of Vice-Presidents is necessarily more or less of a confidential nature. This section has never been lived up to. If it had been done, the whole matter would have to be published in the Official Journal and spread broadcast over the whole country before the case had been decided, possibly doing injury to an innocent man. For that reason it was thought best to simply omit those words, which have been a dead letter anyway.

The question was put to vote and declared carried.

Mr. Deats read as follows:

"Article VII, Section 1, strike out the words 'A counterfeit detector.'" The provision is made for a substitute in the next amendment.

Mr. Holland: I move the adoption of the recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Colson, and put to vote and carried.

Mr. Deats: "Article VII, Section 2, strike out the words 'a Committee on Philatelic Aids and Appliances,' and insert 'an expert committee.'"

Mr. Holland: I move the adoption of that recommendation.

Mr. Luff: I second the motion.

The President: It has been moved and seconded that the section as read be accepted. Gentlemen, it seems to the Chair that these things ought to arouse some little discussion—some explanation ought to be given; they should not be rushed through this way with nobody knowing anything about them, simply taking it for granted that the By-Laws Committee is in the right.

Mr. Luff: Can't we discuss the whole thing on the next amendment?

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, the provision for the Committee on Philatelic Aids and Appliances was put in, I think, a number of years ago, and Mr. C. P. Krauth, who was very much interested in such articles, was put at the head, and he submitted a report at the Clayton Convention. Since that time there never has been a report from the committee.

The President: One moment, Mr. Stone. He also submitted a report at the Detroit Convention.

Mr. Stone: Oh, I was not there. Those reports are the only ones that have been submitted. As the committee has rather lapsed through lack of interest, it was deemed best by the Committee on By-Laws to strike it out. It can, of course, be reinstated at any time if anyone has interest enough to take it up.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

Mr. Deats: "Article VII, Section 7. Strike out the entire section and substitute the following: 'Expert Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to pronounce upon the authenticity of any stamp submitted for their opinion. They shall return to the sender a certificate of their findings in each case, the same to bear a photograph of the stamp in question and to be signed by all members of the committee.

"For the examination of each stamp the committee shall receive the sum of..... This amount must accompany each stamp so submitted.'"

It was moved and seconded that the recommendation be adopted.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, in explanation of this, I would say that it is following in the steps of the London Society, which some ten years or more ago established an expert committee. It contains the best experts that they have in the society, and there are probably none better. This board takes doubtful stamps that are sent to them and gives them the most careful examination that is possible. Not content with doing it themselves, they have means of consulting the best specialists in the country, and their findings are embodied in a report which bears a photograph of the specimen in question, and a copy of that report, with the photograph, is also retained in their records, and in that way the pedigree, so to

speak, of certain specimens of rarities can be kept on record, and each stamp is given a number. The fee charged by the London Society is eighty-seven and a half cents, or three shillings, sixpence. It would seem as though it was time our society took some steps like that of the great London Society. If a stamp bears the "genuine" mark of the Expert Committee of our Association, we can depend upon it that the committee would be one whose word would not be doubted with impunity. The committee would, therefore, move the adoption of this section. They would be very glad to have members ask questions from others here who know more of the workings of that expert committee of the London Society than I do. I think Mr. Holland or Mr. Luff could either of them answer questions.

Mr. Bartels: It seems to me there would be very little use in photographing a counterfeit stamp. From the reading of this section, I should say the stamp is to be photographed whether it proves to be a counterfeit or genuine stamp. There would be many cases where it would be of very little use having it photographed, and it would make it an expensive matter in case a number of stamps was sent in by a member.

Mr. J. F. McGregory: Mr. President, I would like to ask if any provision is made for the examination of relatively cheaper stamps, stamps that would not be worth three-and-sixpence if they were genuine. I know that many collectors have stamps that they would like to submit for an opinion as to genuineness. They would not care for a photograph or anything of the kind. I was wondering if the committee had made any provision for anything like that.

Mr. Batchelder: It is not intended, as I understand it, to have large quantities of common stamps which any person at all familiar with them could know and decide upon. The great majority of collectors, as in the past, would present those to somebody whom they believed to be an expert for an opinion. It would be impossible for us to find a committee that was competent that would serve at all if they were to have large quantities of stamps presented to them. It is only intended in cases where the stamp is or would be of some value and where a decision is necessary. I think it is just as necessary to photograph a counterfeit stamp in cases of this kind as it would be the genuine, because then, if the person who holds it attempted to use it in the future, the records and the photograph would be at hand to establish the fact that it is not what it should be. Of course no committee has been selected as yet, but when the committee is selected, I have no doubt that the members will see clearly the great advantage of having such a committee. Now, some of you might think that they would not have many stamps presented, but I probably in the course of a year send the London Society perhaps twenty stamps. Well, that entails an expense of in the neighborhood of one dollar per stamp for postage, registration and so forth. But any person who is handling great rarities which might be questioned would readily pay a dollar in each case to have it authenticated. And if any member of this society had a stamp, for instance, that would sell for one hundred or two hundred dollars, that dollar which they would invest would be returned a great many times over in having this seal of approval put on the stamp by such a committee.

The President: Are there any further remarks? All those in favor of the recommendation—

Mr. Luff: Mr. President, may I interrupt you a moment before you put the question? Is that amendment in shape to be acted upon? Isn't there a blank with an unfilled amount of compensation in it?

The President: I think the point is well taken.

Mr. Holland: Mr. President, I move the price be made one dollar. That includes postage and photographing and all.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Sawyer.

The President: It is moved and seconded that the blank be filled by inserting "one dollar."

Mr. Bartels: I move that the price to members be made seventy-five cents and to outsiders one dollar. I offer that as an amendment.

The amendment was seconded.

Mr. Luff: Mr. President, I should like to ask if there is any member present who is at all familiar with photography and the cost of doing such work? I really do not know what you can get a stamp photographed for, but it is my impression that it is going to cost you about fifty cents apiece to get photographs made. I am not sure. I know in New York we get not very large photographs for which we have to pay one dollar and fifty cents for a negative. Take any entire envelope or anything of that kind, it is one dollar and fifty cents for an envelope. Probably for a single stamp it would be less, but I do not think it is going to be a great deal less. Possibly some member here knows something about the cost of photography. I am very sorry this question did not come up before Mr. Rich went away, as he is thoroughly familiar with that subject, and could answer it at once.

Mr. Batchelder: I hope the amendment will not prevail. I think the only safe price we can put at this time is a dollar. I have on my desk now some stamps that I was going to send to London within a week or two. The committee do not meet until September again, and therefore I delayed, and I shall be glad now to send them to this committee. I think they will have considerable work any way before the year is out, and I think we can safely leave it at a dollar, and if another year it is found we are warranted in doing so, we can then reduce the price. Of course this work is done for the benefit of the stamp world; not simply this society, but all who are interested in philately, and I think it would be no hardship if the members did pay the same as outsiders. Another year we may be able to make some change, but at this time I do not think that it is safe to put the price at less than one dollar.

The President: Gentlemen, the question is on the amendment. Are there any further remarks? The amendment is that the price be made one dollar to outsiders, seventy-five cents to members. If there are no further remarks, I will put the question. (Putting the question.) The amendment is defeated. The question is now on the amendment that the new section be filled with the words "one dollar."

Mr. McGregory: I move an amendment to this motion to the effect that outsiders should be subjected to an additional charge for postage and registration.

The President: Does the Chair hear any second to that amendment?

Mr. Colson: Second the amendment.

Mr. Holland: I accept the amendment.

The President: It has been moved and seconded that in addition to the sum of one dollar, all those not members of the Association be charged registration fee and postage.

Mr. Batchelder: Would not that be something which would be a good deal better left off the records and left for the workings of the committee? It seems to me that it would. The committee can charge those who are not members postage and registration and no one would think that it was not perfectly proper. In fact, I think that in nine cases out of ten and more, they would send return registration. In fact, a great many of the members would do so, because there is not more than one member in fifteen hundred or two thousand that after this is passed would ever look up the records to see just what the rules were. Therefore, they would naturally send, in sending a valuable stamp, stamps for registration and return postage. But the committee can regulate those affairs much better themselves.

Mr. Luff: Mr. President, as I understand the object of that motion, it is to make a distinction between those who are members of the Association and those who are not, in order that we may be apparently presenting some advantage to our members and an inducement to others to join, so far as it is an inducement—ten cents.

The President: Are there any further remarks?

Mr. Holland: Supposing the original motion prevailed, would that allow anybody to send for the sum of one dollar?

The President: Decidedly.

Mr. Holland: Irrespective of whether he is a member of the society or not?

The President: Anyone.

Mr. Ireland: Mr. President, I agree with Mr. Toppan that there ought to be a difference between members and non-members, and it seems to me the postage and registration is not enough, and I think it certainly ought to be a matter of record; for if it is not, there is

nothing on our By-Laws that would show what it should be. I should be in favor, perhaps, of making it ninety cents to members and one dollar and ten cents to outsiders. I think there ought to be more difference than the postage and registration.

Mr. Deats: I am in favor of making a difference in the price to members and those who are not, but inasmuch as this is a somewhat new feature for any American society and we are in doubt as to the cost of photographing stamps, it would be better, for this year at least, to leave the price of one dollar to all, and if the plan works well, then to make some changes another year.

The President: Any further remarks? Gentlemen, the question is on the amendment that the charge for this service shall be one dollar to members and one dollar and postage and registration to non-members. Are you ready for the question? (Putting the question.) The Chair will call for a rising vote on the question. All those in favor please rise.

The Secretary: Mr. President, will you please state that question again?

The President: The question is on the amendment to the amendment.

Mr. McGregor: Amendment to the motion?

The President: It is a secondary amendment again this time, Mr. McGregor.

Mr. McGregor: It is an amendment to the original motion.

The President: The original motion was to accept the report. The first amendment is to make it one dollar—fill in the blank space. This amendment is to make it one dollar to members and one dollar plus registration and postage to non-members of the Association.

Mr. Deats: I think the majority of the members—I was under the impression that that had already been taken and decided.

The President: No. (Counting the number who were standing.) Those against please rise. Eleven to eight against. Several not voting. The motion is defeated. The question now, gentlemen, is on the original amendment—to fill the blank space in the section submitted for adoption by inserting the words "one dollar."

(Calls of "Question" from Messrs. Luff and Holland.)

The question was put and carried.

The President: The question now refers to the adoption of the original section.

Mr. Colson: I move the recommendation be adopted.

Mr. Batchelder: As amended by the "dollar."

The motion was seconded.

The President: Are there any remarks on the original motion? (Putting the question.) It is a vote.

Mr. Deats (reading): "Your committee have also carefully considered the recommendation of the Committee on Branch Societies, and are of the opinion that no change in the laws governing them is desirable at present." Mr. President, I move that we concur in that recommendation.

The President: I would explain that a little, Mr. Deats—what the reason was.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, the committee carefully considered the recommendation of the Committee on Branch Societies regarding the abolishing of our branch societies and the encouragement of the formation of local societies. If these local societies could be made to include only members of the Association, we think it would be all right and would be carrying out the plans on which we have been working for some years; but there are many difficulties in the way which anyone who considers the question for a few moments will readily see, and we think it better to leave the branch society question as it is, although there are only three of the branches that are very active at present. There are others that would become active if there were more politics in the Association, as there was some years ago, or if some momentous question came up.

Mr. Sawyer: Second the motion.

The President: It is moved and seconded that the recommendation as read by the Secretary be accepted. (Putting the question.) It is a vote.

Mr. Deats: I move that the report of the Committee on By-Laws, with the recommendations as adopted, be adopted as a whole,

Seconded by Mr. Luff and carried.

Mr. Doebelin: Mr. President, may I ask a question? I want to ask it especially after the vote was closed upon the counterfeit business. Where will the collectors send their seventy-five cent and dollar stamps to find out the counterfeit?

The President: I think it would be a good plan to send those to Mr. Luff. (Laughter.)

Mr. Luff: I shall prolong my vacation.

Mr. Doebelin: The Association ought to have somebody that would do it.

Mr. Holland: We will let you do it.

Mr. Doebelin: No, thanks. I seldom avail myself—

Mr. Batchelder: Mr. President, in all ordinary cases that is a matter which is easily entertained. I do not believe there is a society of any size in the country but what have a number of collectors each of whom is capable of deciding any ordinary question. It is only in the difficult cases where those who are really well informed about stamps cannot decide that the expert committees are necessary. Now, we made a price of one dollar for each stamp examined. Well, I will bet a hat with anybody that the first stamp that I present the committee won't make anything out of it. They will have to send it to—well, they cannot send it to the London Society, because they would also send it to still another organization or expert. There are quite a good many stamps that might be sent to the committee which no society in the world would be capable of passing upon—the London Society, this society or any other. There are certain countries—Russia and Finland, for instance—that have to be passed upon by somebody in Russia. Some of the Italian stamps the expert committee of the London Society do not pretend to pass upon. They send them to Italy. So, as I say, it is only in case of great rarities which some collector is not able to pass upon and will do so for a "Thank you." In those cases what we want is the best opinion, and you must pay for it.

Mr. Holland: Bring on your little ones next year, Doeb., and we will go over them.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I have the report of the Committee on the Library.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

SPRINGFIELD, August 14, 1902.

Your Committee on Library, while deploring the lack of interest in it on the part of the majority of the members, are confident that the time will come when the library will interest a greater number of members than it appears to at present.

We recommend that the balance turned over by the retiring Assistant Librarian be placed in the hands of the new Assistant Librarian, to be used, as heretofore, for the expenses pertaining to that office.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. DEATS,
E. DOEBLIN,
W. H. COLSON.

Mr. Ireland: I move that the report be accepted and adopted.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Deats: The reports of a number of the officers and committees also were referred to other committees for action. Do I understand that the acceptance of the report of the committee to which these reports were referred also includes the acceptance of the original reports?

The President: The Chair will certainly so rule.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I have to report, then, that the reports of all the officers, excepting that of the Librarian, have been received and accepted, and that the reports of all the committees have been received and accepted, except that of the Committee on Resolutions.

Mr. Johnson: Mr. President, I have a supplementary report here on Sales and Purchasing Department, when you are ready.

The President: That can be disposed of now, Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson read the following report on the recommendation of Mr. Booleman, of Amsterdam.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SALES AND PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

Mr. President and Gentlemen:

Regarding the recommendation of Mr. M. Z. Booleman, of Amsterdam, as regards a time limit for the circulation of books in the sales department, the committee, after careful consideration of the subject, suggests that all members who send in books for circulation in the department have the privilege of setting such a time limit on said books as they may wish, provided that said time limit be not less than four months, and the Superintendent of Sales shall retire said books as near the time limit as circumstances shall permit, be the sales large or small; but in case there is no time limit set, the Superintendent of Sales use his best judgment in the matter, as heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. JOHNSON,
J. M. BARTELS.

The President: Gentlemen, you have heard the report; what is your pleasure?

Mr. Holland: I move it be accepted.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. Batchelder: Mr. President, it seems to me that is an excellent idea. There are a great many people that misunderstand the workings of that department. They think if they send in a book or some books, they ought in two or three months at the outside to get a reply. When it comes to the working of the department, the superintendent sends out a circuit with books, and when they come back, if there are not many removed from the books, he sends them out on another circuit, and naturally keeps them moving a year instead of a few months. In that case a person, unless he understood, might think that they were kept an unduly long time. But if he understood, so that he could say that they should not be kept but three months or six months, then the superintendent would only send them on a single circuit, perhaps, or on circuits which would only take about that time, and then return them, whether many stamps were sold or not. I think that would be an excellent feature.

The President: The Chair would say in reference to the pending motion that unfortunately it is too late to take action on it. That would come as a change in the By-Laws, as all the rules of the Sales and Purchasing Department were at the last Convention incorporated into the By-Laws. But he sees no reason why that cannot be—it has always been the custom of the former exchange superintendents, I know personally, to keep books out only a certain time; or, if so requested, there is no reason why that could not appear in the circular issued by the superintendent.

Mr. Johnson: Mr. President, I could not give it any earlier. I only got it from Mr. Stone yesterday.

The President: The Chair was not criticising the committee at all, but simply saying that it should have been in the By-Laws.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I move that the recommendation of the Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department be referred to the incoming Sales Superintendent, with the approval of the Association.

Mr. Batchelder: Second the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Burt, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, read the following resolutions:

"The retirement of our President after a service of three years calls for the expression of our appreciation of his long and devoted labor for the welfare of this Association and for the good of philately; therefore, it is

Resolved, That our heartiest thanks are tendered Mr. George L. Toppan for his able, dignified and impartial performance of his duties and the discretion and good judgment with which he has conducted the details of his office, in which he has won in a rare degree the personal good will and friendship of the members of the Association."

The reading of the resolution was followed by prolonged applause, after which the President called Mr. Stone to the chair.

The Chairman: Gentlemen, the resolution is before you; what is your pleasure?

Mr. Batchelder: I move its adoption, Mr. Chairman, by a rising vote.

Mr. Holland: Second it.

The Chairman: You have heard the resolution, gentlemen. Those in favor of its adoption will signify it by rising. (The entire Convention arose.) Contrary minded. It seems to be a unanimous vote.

The President: Gentlemen, fellow members—I can hardly express myself as I would like to in thanks for the resolution which has just been passed. You are all aware that I have the interests of the Association at heart. So far as it lay in my power, I have done everything possible for its advancement. I thank you more than it is possible to put into words. I knew or felt that I had the backing and support of the members individually and as a whole throughout my term of service, and, in conclusion, I feel sure that the same will be extended to my successor. I thank you, gentlemen. (Applause.)

The following resolution was read by the Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions:

“Resolved, That we return our thanks to our re-elected Secretary, Mr. H. E. Deats, for another year of service, with gratification that his re-election assures the Association continued efficiency in this important office.” (Applause.)

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the resolution.

The motion was seconded.

The President: Gentlemen, there can be no pleasanter task for your presiding officer than to ask the adoption of the resolution in question. Nobody could have been more painstaking and careful in the fulfilment of his duties, the promptness with which everything has gone out, and it is a privilege that the Chair esteems highly to put that question. I will ask it in the form of a rising vote. (The question was put to vote by a rising vote.) It is unanimously carried, gentlemen, as the Chair felt sure that it would be. (Cries of “Speech! Speech!”)

Mr. Deats: I am sure that I thank all the members for their appreciation of the work I have done. I regret that it seemed necessary for me to accept the office for another year; for I must say that I am a little tired of three years of routine work, much as I like it, and I thought that we had found in Mr. Smith an ideal man for Secretary, and very much regret that his business necessitated his declining that office at the last minute. I hope to carry on the work at least as well as I have done in the past; and if I receive the support of the officers during the coming year, as I have the three years that I have served as Secretary, I am sure that the work will go on smoothly. (Applause.)

Mr. Burt read the following resolution:

“Resolved, That our warmest thanks are tendered to the Springfield Stamp Club and its officers and the Committee of Arrangements for their hospitality and their many successful efforts for our entertainment, through which we carry away with us the pleasantest recollections of “The City of Homes.” (Applause.)

Mr. Holland: Mr. President, I move the adoption of this resolution by a standing vote.

Mr. Doebelin: I second the motion.

A rising vote was taken.

The President: Gentlemen, it is an unanimous vote, the members from Springfield not having voted.

(Cries of “Speech!”)

Mr. Bartlett: Mr. President, members of the American Philatelic Association—We appreciate your kindness in giving us this Convention and your presence here. We have done no more than our duty to a National Association. We have tried to entertain you, and if we have done so we are glad of it, and we hope in some future time to have the pleasure of entertaining you again. We thank you one and all. (Applause.)

Mr. Doebelin: Stone! Stone! (Applause.)

Mr. Stone: Mr. President and gentlemen, I thank you for your manifestation. I think Mr. Bartlett has said all there is to say. Action speaks louder than words. You have seen what we have done. Let that stand for my speech. (Applause.)

Mr. Burt read the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Mr. B. L. Drew for the successful management of the auction sale, and to Mr. J. D. Bartlett for his services as auctioneer."

The President: What is your pleasure on the resolution?

Mr. Drew: I am very much obliged to Mr. Burt for offering that resolution, but I really think it is hardly necessary, for I have some pretty substantial thanks in my pocket, and I thank the Convention for those.

The President: Is there any action on the resolution?

Mr. Burt: Under the circumstances, if the gentleman prefers, the committee would beg leave to withdraw the resolution.

I would also say, Mr. President, that while the taking of the photographs was a business transaction, yet it seems to your committee that the skill and interest which the photographers showed in securing so good a result deserves an expression of our appreciation; and I will, therefore, move that we extend to Mr. E. R. Taft, the photographer, our thanks for his skill in producing one of the best photographs which we have had of any Convention. (Applause.)

The motion was put to vote and was carried unanimously.

Mr. Burt: In conclusion, I desire to offer the following resolution:

"Resolved, That all candidates for membership in the future shall be required to accurately pronounce *Vertrauliches Korrespondenzblatt.*" (Laughter.)

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I move it be referred to the International Secretary for report next year.

The President: All those in favor will signify it in the usual manner——

Mr. Doebelin: I don't know if that is necessary; I have done that every year for about nine years.

APPROPRIATION FOR INDEX OF PHILATELIC PERIODICALS.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, in looking over the minutes of yesterday I find that the matter of the appropriation of two hundred dollars for the expenses of the Committee on Index of Philatelic Periodicals was postponed until this morning's session.

The President: The motion was laid on the table. Will the Secretary please read the motion as originally made?

The Secretary read the motion as follows: "That a committee of three to index philatelic literature be appointed."

The Secretary: An appropriation of two hundred dollars was moved, and then it was moved that we postpone consideration of it until Thursday morning.

Mr. Doebelin: I move that we lay it on the table for another year.

Mr. Batchelder: Second the motion, Mr. President, and I am glad that he added the last clause—"for another year"—because I do believe that an appropriation will be necessary, and before we get through I hope it will have to be a large appropriation. In other words, I hope this committee will do such work that eventually we shall have an opportunity to publish the results of it, and I know that if it is done, it will reflect more credit on the Association than anything else that we could do. But I do not believe that the expenses of the coming year will be so great but what the committee can pay them themselves, and then put in the bill at the end of the year. They will then be in a position where they can intelligently ask for an appropriation; they are not now.

Mr. Wylie: Can you lay upon the table for a definite time?

The President: The Chair thinks not, and would so rule.

Mr. Luff: Mr. President, I do not understand fully this matter of what that committee is to do, but I have not found anything yet in the way of indexing or looking up literary matters or a thing like that that is going to require the work of possibly twenty men with more or less expenses that could be done for nothing, or would be done for nothing, and by your refusal to allow any appropriation of money for that committee you are simply killing the work that you propose to do. You won't get one blessed thing done.

Mr. Holland: I think that is right.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, the Board of Directors have power, in their discretion, to authorize any officer or committee to incur expense not foreseen at the beginning of the year at the Convention, and I may cite as an example the board's authorizing me to purchase a card catalogue cabinet and some material for revision of the card catalogue of the membership. The expense authorized was twenty dollars, and the amount actually expended, I think, was twelve dollars. It seems to me that a slight initial expense for this committee on indexing could be authorized, if necessary, by the Board of Directors at any time during the year.

The President: Are there any further remarks, gentlemen? The question is on the appropriation of the two hundred dollars.

Mr. Holland: Mr. President, in order to get this thing started, and if the sense of the meeting is not that we should appropriate two hundred dollars, why not appropriate some sum—twenty-five dollars or fifty dollars—so that it will get started and in shape at this Convention. Then, if the committee need any more, they can come to the Board of Directors for it.

Mr. Batchelder: Make it twenty-five.

Mr. Holland: Well, we can't do anything. The motion to lay on the table is before us. We want to kill that.

The President: The motion to lay on the table was out of order, and was so ruled by the Chair.

Mr. Holland: I move as an amendment that the amount of the appropriation be twenty-five dollars.

Mr. Batchelder seconded the amendment.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, from the present outlook there would scarcely be two hundred dollars to spare for this committee after the other expenses that are already in view are paid; and while I regret the necessity of cutting down this appropriation, for I thoroughly believe in this work, I think it is desirable to cut it down, and twenty-five dollars will make some sort of a start and will show those who are interested that the Association really does need means to push forward this work as rapidly as may be done.

The President: The Chair might state that it is his personal opinion that the appropriation of a sum like twenty-five dollars would show that the work was approved by the Convention, and would practically authorize the board to contract any additional expense which they felt disposed to meet.

The Secretary: Within the limits of the amount of money on hand.

The President: If there are no further remarks, all those in favor of the adoption of the amendment reducing the amount appropriated to twenty-five dollars will signify in the usual manner.

The vote being taken, the motion was declared carried.

The President: The question now recurs to the original motion as to the adoption of the appropriation at all. (Putting the question.) It is a vote.

That finishes up the business, does it not, Mr. Secretary?

The Secretary: Mr. President, it finishes up so far as I can find from the papers at hand. I want to say that I want, if possible, to get the Year Book out somewhere near the time which is usually set. I have written to the Treasurer, asking him to send out at once the notices that dues are due and payable. He has already sent the notices to the members in

foreign countries, and I want to ask those who are here to remit their dues promptly and to urge their friends who are members to pay up promptly, in order that we may publish the Year Book on time. So far as I can now see, there is no reason why the Year Book should not be issued early in November. Members have until September 30th to pay their dues; if they are not paid then, the Treasurer sends them a second notice, and if not paid by the last day of October, they are dropped for non-payment of dues. Last year the Secretary arbitrarily extended the time one month, because the copy for the Year Book was not all ready. I see now no reason why the copy of the Year Book could not be ready and all of the book except the membership list printed before the first of November.

Mr. Luff: Ask them to give the money now while they are here.

The Secretary: Mr. President, at the request of Mr. Luff, I will remind the members if they desire to pay me their dues they may do so now, and I will forward them to the Treasurer.

The President: Gentlemen, the time has now come at which the Chair feels it incumbent to call upon Mr. Stone to perform his time-honored duty of moving the Convention into oblivion. Mr. Stone.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President and gentlemen, I move that the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association adjourn *sine die*, and I hope that I shall meet most of you—all of you—next year at Clayton.

Mr. Cobe: I second the motion.

The President: Gentlemen, you have heard the motion to adjourn.

Mr. Wylie: Mr. President, before that motion is put, may I suggest that those of the members here who want to go to the ball game this afternoon, if they will meet at the Hotel Worthy at quarter of three, we will make up a party of "rooters" for Springfield this afternoon. There will be considerable time left for us to-day to enjoy the good things in Springfield, and perhaps some of you would like to see the ball game and see how Springfield can carry off Bridgeport. Report at quarter of three at the Hotel Worthy.

Mr. Bartlett: Before we adjourn, I would like to remind the members of the meeting of the Springfield Stamp Club in West Springfield with Brother Curtis to-night at half past seven, and we would like to have as many of you present as can attend. I will be at the Hotel Worthy about seven o'clock, and I would like to have the members let me know as to who can attend and go with me to the meeting.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, may I make an announcement?

The Board of Directors will hold an adjourned meeting immediately after the adjournment of the Convention.

The President: Gentlemen, you have all heard the motion to adjourn. Those in favor signify in the usual manner. Contrary. The Chair declares the Seventeenth Annual Convention adjourned *sine die*.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

Fellow Members of the American Philatelic Association:

The past year has not been particularly prolific in new publications relating to our hobby, but there have been a few which call for special mention.

The most important one is in the English language, and is that masterpiece dealing with the stamps of our own country, "The Postage Stamps of the United States," by John Nicholas Luff, of New York. Probably most of my readers have seen it for themselves, but a brief description will not be out of place here as record among the reports of the Association. It is a 400-page quarto volume, illustrated with a large number of loose plates contained in a pocket in the back of the book, showing all the various types among the adhesive stamps of our nation. First comes some historical notes concerning the postal service in early days and then the various issues of the different postmasters are shown. Following are the different issues of government stamps from 1847 to 1901, followed by the carrier stamps, special delivery stamps, official stamps, newspaper stamps, postage-due stamps, reprints, official seals, etc. When known, the quantities issued and the plate numbers of the different stamps are given. The Scott Stamp and Coin Co. of New York are the publishers, and the price of the book is \$7.50.

On the other side of the ocean H. L'Estrange Ewen has brought out a monumental work devoted to the railway mail stamps of Great Britain and Ireland. It is a quarto volume of some 440 pages and illustrates over 1,200 stamps. While it appeals to a limited class of collectors, it is none the less a valuable work, and one which will be more valued in the future when these stamps are appreciated at their true philatelic value. It sells for one guinea (\$5.25).

Another valuable hand-book has been issued by Stanley Gibbons, Limited. It is by E. D. Bacon and F. H. Napier and deals with the issues of the island of Grenada. To this is prefixed an account of the various perforations appearing on the stamps issued by Perkins, Bacon & Co. It is of the same size as the rest of the books in the series, and is fully illustrated. It sells for 7/6 in paper or 9/- in cloth (\$1.87 or \$2.25).

The close of the war in South Africa is very appropriately marked by the appearance of a brochure describing the numerous provisional issues which have come to light during its existence. It is a 56-page volume, pocket size, compiled by Bertram W. H. Poole and published by R. T. Morgan & Co., Norwood, London. All the various types are illustrated with excellent half-tone plates, and it is the most complete and concise publication yet issued on the subject. It sells for one shilling (25 cents).

New editions have also been gotten out of the "Directory of Stamp Dealers of Great Britain," the "Philatelic Almanac" and "Philatelic Register."

In a bookseller's catalogue I recently saw listed a work entitled "A Hundred Years by Post," by James Wilson Hyde. It was published by Sampson, Low, Marston & Co., but no date of publication was given.

An album for post cards and envelopes has been brought out by Guilford & Hart, Ltd., of London and Kingston-on-Thames. It is called the "Chelsea Entire Post Card Album," and is intended to hold 500 pieces. There are slits cut in the pages for the insertion of the corners of the cards, and the books are bound in leather with art linen sides. Price, 10/6, post free (\$2.62).

Three publications which have been noticed in the foreign press, but which have not been seen by the committee are "Postzegels van Egypt"; "Entstehung und Entwicklung der Philatelistischen Litteratur in der zweiten Hälfte des 19 Jahrhunderts," by V. Suppantisch; "Luxemburg Album and Monograph," price 7 fr. 50 (\$1.50).

The usual year books have been issued by several societies. Among those which have come under our notice are those of the Dresden, Kiel and Paris Associations. Another year we hope to be able to give a fuller list of such publications.

The catalogue of the revenue stamps of Spain and her colonies, by Walter Morley, is perhaps the most important price catalogue which has been issued during the year. It is of the same size page as his magazine, and is a book of about 100 pages. Numerous illustrations, numbering over 300, show all the different types. It is in two editions, unbound, for 4/- (\$1.00), and bound in cloth, 5/- (\$1.25).

A valuable catalogue for specialists is that issued by the Circulo Filatelico Matritense of Madrid. It is a handy pocket size book of some sixty-four pages, with about a dozen full-page plates at the back. It contains descriptions of all the postage and telegraph stamps of Spain, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Fernando Po and the Philippines, with their values as determined by a committee of the club. The work is very nicely gotten up, and the illustrations, being on a black background, show off well. The book sells for 0.75 pesetas (15 cents).

Adolph Lohmeyer, the postal card expert, has issued a 24-page list of the post and letter cards of Pan-America, including Hawaii and the Philippines. It is, I believe, sent free on application.

Th. Lemaire, Paris, has been issuing a new edition of his catalogue in parts during the year, and it has just been brought out in book form. It does not include entires or stamps issued after 1900. It is a work of some 450 pages, and sells for 1 fr. 25 (25 cents).

The third edition of Whitfield King's "Universal Standard Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of the World" was issued last fall. It is on the same lines as the previous editions, and sells at the same price.

Bright & Son, in place of a new edition of their A B C catalogue, brought out a supplement containing the stamps issued since the appearance of their fourth edition.

A new edition of the well-known Stanley Gibbons catalogues appeared early in the year, and an innovation in the shape of special editions, with prices in United States money, were issued about the same time. The books are of the same high character as of old and need no special mention. The price remains the same as before, the American editions selling for 60 cents each. As heretofore the work was in two volumes, the first devoted to the British Empire, the other to foreign countries.

The sixtieth edition of the "Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue" needs only brief mention here as a matter of record. It is too well known to need a review.

Gelli & Tani, of Brussels, have brought out the third edition of their "Catalogue illustre de timbres poste et telegraphie," which forms a book of the usual pocket size, neatly bound in blue and gold. It contains about 560 pages, of which the last twenty are given up to the

telegraph catalogue. The price of the book is 2 fr. 50 (50 cents), with six cents postage abroad.

Senf's "Illustrierter Postwertzeichen-Katalog for 1901" appeared in two volumes, the first containing only the adhesive stamps and the other the entire. This arrangement is to be a permanent one we are informed. The price of the book is 3 marks (75 cents) for the first volume, and 1 mark (25 cents) for the second, postage extra.

A new aspirant for philatelic honors is the complete catalogue of adhesives brought out by Paul Kohl, of Chemnitz. It is a splendidly gotten up book of some 736 pages of the usual pocket size, and compares very favorably with any of the existing catalogues. We allude to it as a new catalogue, for the first edition was not a bound volume, but was issued in parts and given away for a nominal price. This edition sells for 2.60 mk. (65 cents).

Arthur Maury, of Paris, has issued the forty-second edition of his general catalogue and Yvert & Tellier, of Amiens, the sixth of their book. The prices of these works remain the same as in the past.

A special catalogue is that of Karl Sternheim, entitled "Katalog der deutschen Privatpostmarken." We have not seen the book, which sells for 2 marks (50 cents).

Mention should also be made of the voluminous price lists gotten out by Philip Kosack, Carl Willadt, Ferd. Redwitz, and the Army and Navy Co-operative Society. They are, we believe, sent for a nominal sum to cover postage.

In the periodical world there is but little to report. No new papers have appeared of any especial importance, except *Mekeel's Stamp Collector*, a weekly published in St. Louis at \$1.00 per year. It is a small, eight-page sheet, with magazine numbers of extra large size twelve times a year.

Two suspensions of note have occurred. The *Montreal Philatelist* completed its fourth year with the June number, and announced that it would cease publication on account of lack of financial support sufficient to justify the time spent on it. The other is *L'Ami des Timbres*, published for thirty years by Charles Roussin, of Paris. M. Roussin died in June, and the journal has issued no numbers since July.

Thinking that a list of non-philatelic periodicals which conduct stamp departments would be of interest, your committee would present the following list, which is of course incomplete, but may be of help to some. Additions to it will be thankfully received.

Canadiana, Grenfell, N. W. Ter.; *Collectors Journal*; *Curio Exchange*, New Kamilche, Wash.; *Saint Nicholas*, New York; *Star Monthly*, Oak Park, Ill.; *American Boy*, Detroit, Mich.; *American Gem*, St. Louis, Mo.; *American Monthly*, Cobleskill, N. Y.; *The Chadwick*, Worcester, Mass.; *The Colonial*, Athol, Mass.; *The Cyclone*, Hika, Wis.; *Youth*, Buffalo, N. Y.; *Young People's Companion*, St. Louis, Mo.; *Youth's Realm*, Boston, Mass.

The fact that your committee was not appointed until late in the year must be our apology for omissions and errors.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. STONE,
ERNEST R. ALDRICH.

THE LIBRARY.

The Joint Committee appointed by the American Philatelic Association, Branch 5, the Twin City Philatelic Society and the Pittsburg Philatelic Club, after consultation with Mr. Anderson, Librarian of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburg, beg to announce the following rules to be observed by members of the American Philatelic Association desiring to draw books from the philatelic section of the Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa.:

Upon receipt of postal notice giving the name of the book desired, the Joint Committee will advise the member of the amount of postage, including registration, which will be needed for forwarding the book. This must be sent to the Chairman of the Committee before the book can be forwarded, unless it is desired to have the book sent by express, in which case the express charge will follow.

Books may be kept by members one month from the date on which they leave Pittsburg, and, upon notice to the committee before the expiration of the month, may be retained for a further period of four weeks, unless in the meantime another application for the same book has been filed at the Library.

All books returned must be sent either by express, fully prepaid, or by registered mail.

Books should be returned to Edwin H. Anderson, Librarian, Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa., direct, and postal card notice of the date of the return sent to the Chairman of the Library Committee.

All donations of literature should be sent to the Assistant Librarian, H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.

The value of books damaged or lost must be borne by the member to whom they are issued, or, in case of his failure to do so, by the Association at large.

A complete catalogue of the philatelic books in the Carnegie Library is ready, and will be sent to members on application to the Assistant Librarian.

The committee is endeavoring to obtain donations of philatelic works from a number of foreign authors and publishers, and would respectfully urge upon all collectors interested in having a great central library on philately the propriety of forwarding to the Assistant Librarian any books or periodicals on the subject which they feel able to dispense with.

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SALES DEPARTMENT.

John J. Oesch, Superintendent, 34 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

This department is intended to provide a means for members to sell their duplicates and give them an opportunity to purchase the duplicates of other members. The business is conducted for a commission of ten per cent., which is used in paying the expenses of this office. Any member of the Association is entitled to participate, either as a buyer or a seller, subject to the following rules and conditions:

All stamps must be mounted with hinges in the blank books that are furnished by this department at five cents each. These books hold 120 stamps each.

A member must price his own stamps, taking into consideration that the department will retain ten per cent. of the amount realized from sales. Members can place any price they choose on their stamps, but if they mark them too high they will be disappointed in the result of the sales; most stamps are sold at a discount from catalogue prices.

Members who wish to participate in this department as buyers should request to be placed on a circuit. Books are sent out to a list of members, to be forwarded by one to another, and finally back to the department. A member having requested his name placed on a circuit, must carefully examine the books when received, and report any shortage promptly to the Superintendent, and must forward the package, either by registered mail, express or in person, to the next name on the circuit at his own expense, receiving for same a receipt. As soon as the books are forwarded, a report sheet containing a memorandum of the total value and a remittance for the amount of stamps taken out must accompany the report, even if the party has stamps of his own circulating in the department.

This department is conducted on a strictly cash basis.

Members are allowed to keep Sales Circuits three days; a fine of two cents per day for each book will be collected from members who disregard this rule.

Upon the failure of any member to pay such fine, he will be dropped from Circuit lists and reported to the Board of Vice-Presidents.

The department provides Control Stamps bearing a special number, which is recorded, so that when a stamp is removed from a book the member must attach one of the Control Stamps to the space and cancel same by marking upon it the price of the stamp removed and his initials. These Control Stamps are furnished by the department at ten cents per hundred. Members are prohibited from writing or making any other marks upon the books. Should any blank spaces be found in the books received by a member, it is his duty to notify the one preceding him and adjust the matter with him. Failure to do this will render the last member responsible for the amount.

The Superintendent of Sales will exercise his judgment in the acceptance of stamps for circulation, and will not circulate rubbish or stamps that are priced too high.

Members who have become specialists, devoting themselves to certain countries, have disposed of the other parts of their collection very profitably through this department.

When a circuit has been returned, occupying about eight weeks, the owner of the books is notified of the conclusion of the circuit and check sent for amount due, and inquiry made whether owner wishes books to be recalled or put on another circuit. When most of the stamps are sold from books they are returned without notification.

Stamps should be classified as far as possible.

In accordance with the By-Laws, a premium of one-half of one per cent. is charged against the owners of all books; the premium so collected is to establish an insurance fund for the payment of any losses that may occur in the department.

With this fund members may feel greater security in sending stamps for circulation, as this will provide a guarantee against loss by theft, railroad accident, fire, or, in fact, almost any possible contingency.

See also By-Laws, Article VII, Section 4, and Article VIII, Sections 1-3.

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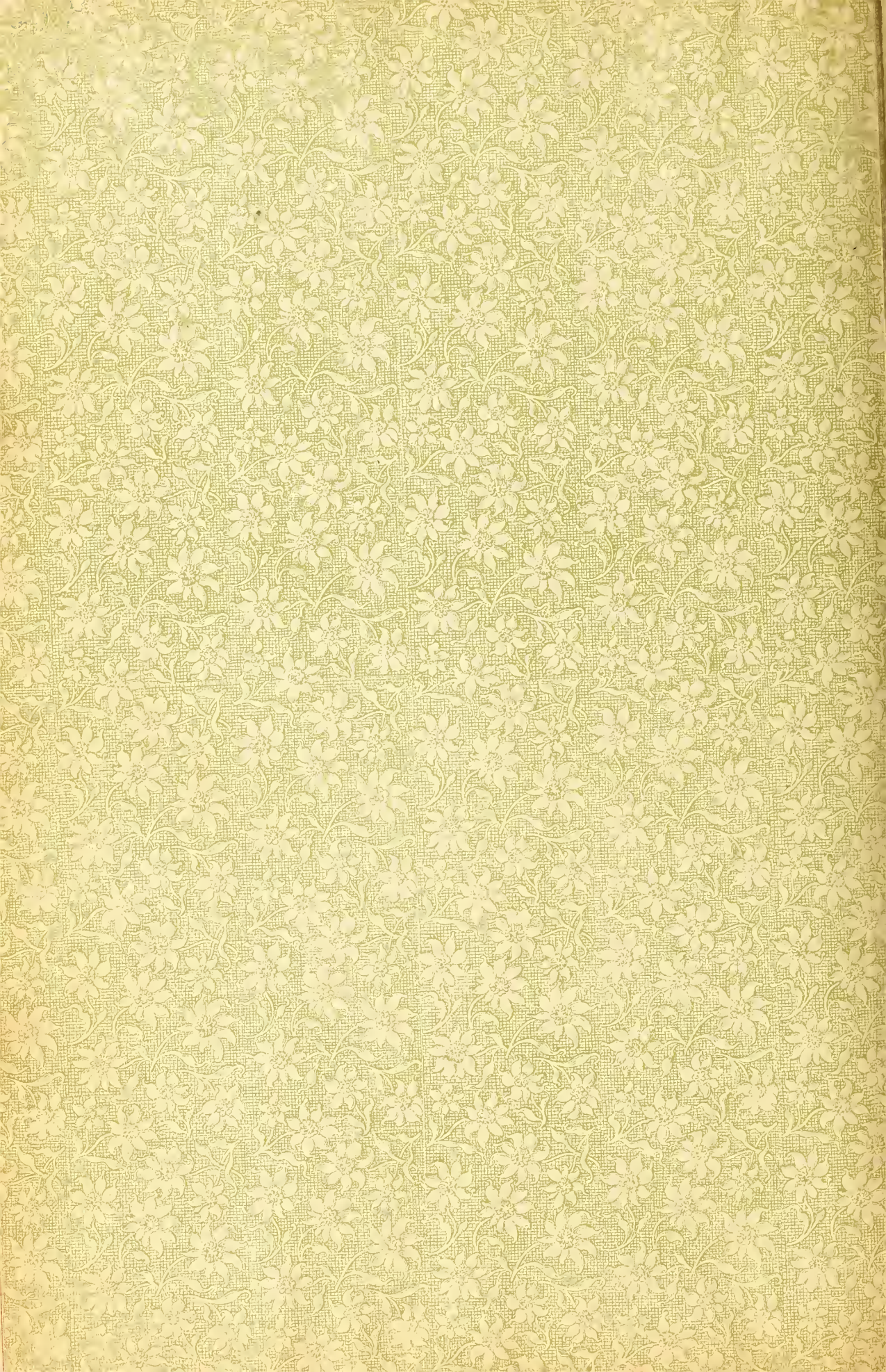
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